More troops deployed to Southern Tagalog region

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13 is lucky number for eagle lovers

'DI USO ANG BIRTH CONTROL DITO!!!

By Joselle R. Badilla
PDI Mindanao Bureau

DAVAO CITY—The number 13 may not be popular with many people but conservationists here were rejoicing over the 13th eaglet hatched at the Philippine Eagle

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'TWAS the second time around on Jan. 20, 2001 when the power of the people triumphed and installed Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo President. MIKE ALQUINTO/JOAN BONDOC

Edsa II: How acceptable was Gloria?

By Dennis M. Arroyo
Contributor

THE PEOPLE Power II Revolution is the movie in the nation's mind again, as Filipinos mark its second anniversary tomorrow.

In the public eye as well is former President Joseph Estrada. He went on an attack mode when he appeared at the Senate hearings on the Impsa power contract the past week, saying among other things that he's just "on leave" from the presidency.

Let's see what public opinion had to say about that, and Edsa II which had booted him out of office by reviewing the data of the Social Weather Stations, particularly those from the SWS Feb. 7, 2001 national survey.

(Survey Snapshots, prepared by Leo

EDSA II/ A18

Joe de V: No to con-con

Speaker says constituent assembly still quickest

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

HOUSE leaders welcomed President Macapagal-Arroyo's finally coming out in support of Charter change but maintained that a constituent assembly and not a constitutional convention, as preferred by Ms Macapagal, was the better, more economical mode for carrying out the amendments.

"Eight years is too long for our people to wait," insisted Speaker Jose de Venecia who said that he and his House colleagues would "continue to argue that the fastest and easiest way to proceed is by convening both houses of Congress as a constituent assembly."

Still, the Speaker tried to paper over the divergence in his and the President's positions, saying they were merely procedural, "something that can be sorted out relatively easily through democratic debate."

De Venecia explained that while a constitutional convention elected in 2004 was "desirable," it would not be possible to implement the amendments proposed by such a body until the end of the next presidential cycle in 2010.

House Minority Leader Carlos Padilla said he and other opposition legislators were agreeable to Charter change by the constitutional convention route, if they could be assured by the President that funds were available for it.

"Now that we are facing a severe fiscal problem, we don't want the government to borrow money just to finance a con-con," Padilla said.

Padilla said a con-con would be very expensive, with the number of members to be elected approaching the present membership of Congress. Taxpayers would have to pay for the salary of the delegates, their staff and offices for the

JOE/ A18

GMA orders release of ₱700 M from coco levy funds

AFTER a year's wait, the promised P700 million windfall from the coco levy funds will finally be released to benefit millions of coconut farmers and their families

President Macapagal-Arroyo announced the impending release of the amount from coco levy fund earnings before a gathering of basic sector groups at the Rizal Park yesterday.

"This coming on Monday, on the second anniversary of Edsa 2, a total of P700 million of the coco levy funds will be released," she told the Sectoral Council Assembly.

She did not elaborate.

On Jan. 16 last year, Ms Macapagal said the government expected to get at least P700 million in dividends from the Coconut Industry Investment Fund.

She eventually installed government nominees, mostly from the Presidential Commission on Good Government, on the board of directors of the United Coconut Planters Bank, which controls the CIIF.

Malacañang earlier said it would use whatever dividends gained from the coco levy funds for a microfinancing program for the country's estimated 1.6 million coconut farming families.

It has also earmarked at least P70 million of the coco levy earnings as a price support fund.

The ownership of the billion-peso coco levy funds has been under litigation for the last 16 years.

GLORIA/ A5

Anti-war fever rages worldwide

ANTI-WAR protests were launched this weekend in a string of cities worldwide, with Japanese, Americans, Filipino Americans, Europeans and Russians massing to stop the looming US-led war on Iraq.

Thousands of Japanese gathered in central Tokyo on Saturday, carrying banners that read "Why Iraq?" and "War is not the answer." One poster depicted US President George W. Bush as a kimono-clad Japanese warlord, with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and British Prime Minister Tony Blair as his retainers.

An American man participating in the rally waved a banner that read: "Today, I am ashamed to be a US citizen."

Demonstrations were also planned in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Spain this weekend.

Protests, ranging from study group meetings to concerts, were held from Japan's northernmost prefecture of Hokkaido to the southernmost Okinawa.

In the capital, the massive rally began with a concert in a park close to the Kasumigaseki government ministry district. The protesters later marched through Ginza, Tokyo's glitziest shopping street.

The protest organizer, the 30-group coalition Peace Boat, said that while Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's regime was dictatorial, "it does not justify the American government staging a military attack on the country and its people."

In the United States, marches were held Saturday in Washington and in San Francisco, California.

The march in the capital kicked off at the Congress building and wended its way to the Washington Navy Yard, a military installation with warships moored on the Anacostia River. The speakers included civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, actress Jessica Lange, and Vietnam War veteran and "Born on the Fourth of July"

ANTI-WAR/ A18

ALL HAIL TO THE INFANT JESUS
Devotees dance in the streets of Tondo with their images of the Sto. Niño held up high on the feast of the Infant Jesus on Saturday. A fluvial parade bearing a 16th century image of the baby Jesus highlights the fiesta. DENNIS SABANGAN

Pinay fights off deportation in landmark case

Ruling seen to benefit aliens ordered kicked out in absentia

By Donna S. Cueto

A FILIPINA who has been staying in the United States since 1981 recently bagged a major victory not only for herself but also for thousands of aliens in that country.

Regina Salta managed to fight off her immediate deportation by simply proving that she had failed to receive the notice for hearing—sent through regular mail by the immigration court—on her application to stay in the United States for good.

Thus, the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled, the immigration court should now receive Salta's evidence as to why she should be allowed to stay, as she had requested.

This ruling in Salta vs. the US Immigration and Naturalization Service will serve as a landmark case that "can be cited by lawyers to reopen the cases of thousands of aliens ordered deported in absentia," according to Salta's pro bono lawyer Ted Laguatan.

"Members of the American Immigration Lawyers Association cited the case as a major victory for aliens, especially these days when [an] alien's rights are often in jeopardy," Laguatan said in a statement.

Previously, US courts were obliged by law to notify by certified mail aliens or non-US-citizen residents requesting permanent residence. The law has since been modified to allow notification by regular mail.

But with this modification, thousands of aliens who did not receive notices of hearings through regular mail have been ordered deported by the court, which decided on their cases in their absence.

In Salta's case, the decision of the appeals court last Dec. 30 overturned the ruling of the immigration court and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) that she be immediately deported because of her failure to attend the initial hearing.

"Thank God!" Salta, who entered the United States on a student visa and who now has two children who are American citizens, was quoted as saying. "I thought I was about to be deported. I had no money to pay for legal fees but [Laguatan] just kept on fighting and fighting for me and my children."

The immigration court and the BIA based their earlier decisions on the previ-

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GET 'KA ROGER'?

More troops sent to Bicol, S. Luzon

By Ronnie Lorejo and Delfin T. Mallari Jr.,
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—The military is deploying more troops to the Bicol and Southern Tagalog regions after a resurgence of the communist insurgency in these parts of the country.

But Philippine Army commanding general Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling, who visited this city on Friday and revealed the troop deployment, refused to confirm if the move was in response to heightened attacks by the NPA in the two regions and to rumors that Communist Party of the Philippines spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal was in the Bicol area.

"Such is still classified information and [disclosure] might affect our operations," Camiling said.

Rosal was reportedly sighted in the provinces of Camarines Sur, Sorsogon and Albay last week. This coincided with the series of attacks mounted by the NPA against government officials and civilians in the two regions whom they perceived to be "enemies of the people."

On Jan. 15, five teenage-looking men gunned down SPO3 Jaime Fortes, 42, of the Irosin [Sorsogon] police force, as he fetched water at a well near his home in the town.

His attackers took Fortes' government-issue Armalite rifle and several rounds of ammunition.

An initial report from regional police headquarters at Camp Gen. Simeon Ola here blamed the incident on an NPA killing squad.

Fortes was the fifth policeman or village official to die at the hands of communist guerrillas roaming the Bicol countryside since the new year.

In Quezon, the NPA head in the province warned big landowners in the Bondoc Peninsula that at the rate the revolutionary movement was growing, the military would soon be unable to protect them.

"Even with the construction of the Bondoc Peninsula highway, the big landlords should disabuse themselves of the notion that government forces would have an easier time crushing the revolutionary movement," Ka Armine, head of the Apolonio Mendoza NPA Command, told the INQUIRER in his reply to a set of interview questions coursed through a courier.

Ka Armine added: "We are not troubled that the military now has a faster avenue in running after us because most of the time they do not know where we are. On the contrary, it is the AFP that should exercise caution because they will be using the highway where, they are very much aware, we could ambush them anytime."

The P1.64-billion Bondoc Peninsula Road (BPR) project was begun during the administration of President Fidel Ramos. Its 148 kilometers of concrete from Barangay Malicboy in Pagbilao to the coastal municipality of Mulanay includes the proposed concreting of a 20-km road from Mulanay to the nearby town of San Narciso. The project is expected to be fully finished in 2004.

Ka Armine admitted, however, that the NPA in Quezon was not yet in a position to directly challenge the police and the military.

"That's why they can still protect the big landlords," he said.

"But as the revolutionary movement grows, we would soon have the capability to stage punitive actions against the fascist terrorists of the government. The time will come that government troops could no longer come to the perimeter of our guerrilla zone. When that time comes, the big landlords would no longer lord it over the helpless peasantry," the rebel leader said.

What the residents of Quezon's third district, which is composed mostly of farmers, really need, Ka Armine said, is "land of their own to till and not government projects like the Bondoc Peninsula highway."

He said government projects like this only served as the milking cows of unscrupulous officials because of their huge budgetary outlays.

He said the extreme poverty of the people in the area was one of the major reasons behind the growing numbers in the revolutionary movement.

'VAT bad for mind and body'

By Volt Contreras

MORE sloppy movies that would stunt the mind, and higher doctors' fees that would aggravate the body.

These are just two of numerous "long-term effects" that Filipinos might as well bet on once government starts collecting more taxes on "professionals" such as entertainers, doctors, lawyers and accountants.

The warning was aired yesterday by the Concerned Artists of the Philippines (CAP) and the Health Alliance for Democracy (HAD) during the weekly Cypress media forum in Quezon City.

CAP and HAD are joining other groups in a protest rally at the Senate tomorrow against the 10-percent Value Added Tax on professionals, which the government is set to impose after a reprieve granted by the Estrada administration elapsed last Dec. 31.

At another media forum just a block away, Finance Secretary Isidro Camacho maintained that VAT was "one of the things that Congress in 1997 saw fit for us to collect—and the time has come."

"We have a fiscal problem, so we have to collect better," Camacho said. "And for us to collect better, somebody has to pay better."

CAP officials cautioned that VAT would "kill" the arts and entertainment industry. In the very least, they said, it would compel movie producers to make only "quickies," or cheap B-movies.

With actors and technicians demanding higher fees to cope with the new taxes, CAP said in a statement, producers would cut down on projects and workforce.

CAP board member Bonifacio Ilagan said filmmakers would no longer risk making "non-formulaic, socially relevant" movies, because these were non-earners. Instead, he added, they would resort to "fallback flicks" featuring sex and violence.

TV director Soc Jose reminded finance officials that, unlike majority of the taxed workforce, talents and technicians in the entertainment business were usually hired on a "per project" basis.

HAD treasurer Dr. Darby Santiago, an ophthalmologist, said VAT was a "go-signal for doctors and other medical workers to be more business-minded," and would thus "place the profession in the category of trade for profit, rather than public service."

The protesting groups are not without high-placed sympathizers.

Senate minority leader Vicente Sotto III came to the aid of his show biz colleagues on Friday by filing a resolution that called for VAT's permanent repeal. Sen. Ralph Recto, married to an actress, is also pushing for the professional sector's permanent exemption. Congress has already passed a bill authored by Rep. Julio "Jules" Ledesma—likewise married to a movie star—extending the Estrada amnesty that expired last month.

Sen. Robert Barbers, supporting Sotto's stand, said show business personalities should be exempted from the 10-percent VAT because they were already paying the expanded 20 percent withholding tax.

On Wednesday, a talent managers' group went to Barbers' office as a "last resort." The senator promised to do everything he could to help them keep the additional taxes at bay. *With Rocky Nazareno*

Lacson shrugs off US court order

By C.D. Balana

SEN. Panfilo Lacson is not at all bothered by a United States court order declaring him responsible for paying the balance of $3 million to a businesswoman in a failed handcuffs deal with the Philippine National Police.

Lacson was PNP chief from 1998 to 2000. The Alameda county court in Oakland, California, also ordered him to appear before it in March and to present documents of his bank accounts in the US.

Lacson said a copy of the order had yet to reach his office. He maintained that honoring the amended contract to purchase handcuffs from complainant Blanquita Pelaez would have cost the government millions of pesos.

"If this is what I get for protecting the public interest, so be it," he said.

Lacson said the handcuffs contract was illegally amended. He said B.H. Enterprises, the local supplier of Smith and Wesson products owned by Pelaez, managed to secure an amendment to the contract assigning the payment of importation taxes and duties for the handcuffs to the PNP.

He said the original contract signed by PNP chief Recaredo Sarmiento in 1996 did not provide for the PNP to pay the taxes and duties on the handcuffs imported by B.H. Enterprises.

But in 1999, then Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno and PNP chief Roberto Lastimoso amended the contract through a resolution.

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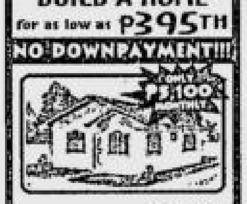

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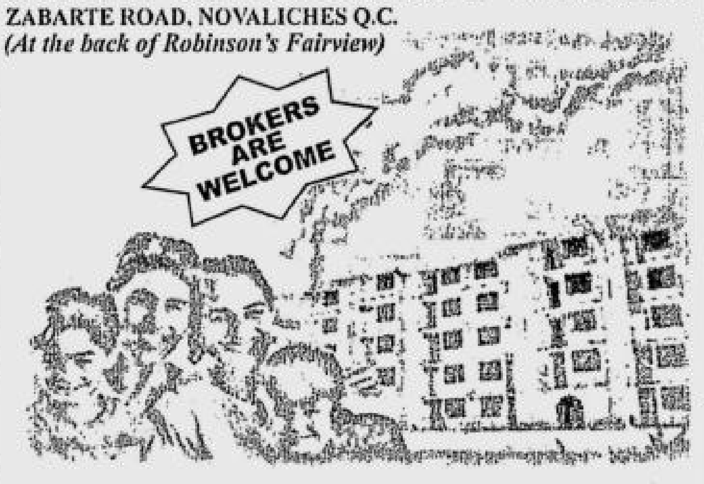

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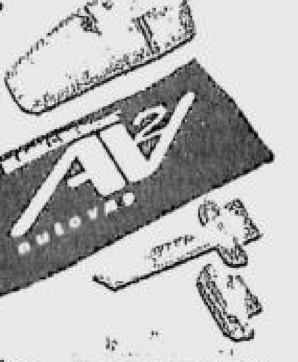

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200 US troops due South for 'Bayanihan'

ZAMBOANGA CITY—More than 200 US Special Forces will be deployed here in the coming weeks to train Filipino troops in antiterror operations, an American general said here yesterday.

Brig. Gen. Donald Wurster, commander of the Hawaii-based Special Operations Command, Pacific, said the soldiers would be bringing in night vision equipment and radio communications to train local forces in such areas as night-flying.

Wurster, who arrived here late Friday, also told reporters that the "long term security assistance program" dubbed Balikatan Exercise 02-1 (shoulder-to-shoulder) will now be called Bayanihan (helping-hand).

"Bayanihan is the name that covers the humanitarian assistance being conducted in Basilan and the security assistance training that is about to start in February," he said.

Wurster said the American soldiers would be arriving in batches with about 45 due to come in soon although the exact date was not revealed as part of security precautions.

"In just a couple of weeks the American forces are arriving here. We will see real output in the training," he said.

The training operations will focus on forming light reaction units for pursuing Muslim rebel groups such as the Abu Sayyaf kidnapping band.

Tight security has been clamped on the arrival of the American troops to prevent any attacks by the Abu Sayyaf, who have staged bombings in Zamboanga City in the past.

Training operations in the South will last until December. The Americans will also be conducting humanitarian missions in the impoverished region until June, Wurster said.

However, Wurster said the training will be limited to Zamboanga City and surrounding areas and will not include helping local forces hunt down the Abu Sayyaf in their lairs in Basilan and Jolo.

Wurster also visited some 280 US soldiers who have been staying in Zamboanga for months to oversee humanitarian activities as part of the improved defense relations between the two countries.

This is separate from even larger joint military exercises to be carried out in Northern Luzon later this year.

Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Narciso Abaya said that military pursuit had degraded the ranks of the Abu Sayyaf from about 1,000 last year to 400.

However he conceded that the group remained a threat.

Last year, more than 1,000 US troops were sent to the South to train and advise Filipino soldiers in hunting the Abu Sayyaf, the group linked by both countries to the al-Qaida network of terror mastermind Osama bin Laden.

The Abu Sayyaf are known for kidnapping foreigners and Christians and holding them for ransom. They are also suspected of carrying out a series of bomb attacks in Zamboanga City last year that killed one US soldier and about two dozen Filipinos. *Reports from AFP, Julie S. Alipala, PDIMindanao Bureau*

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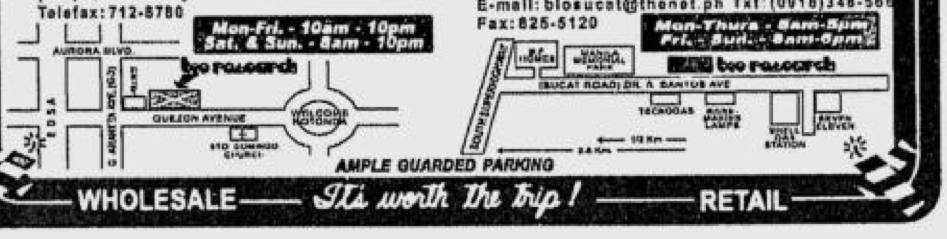

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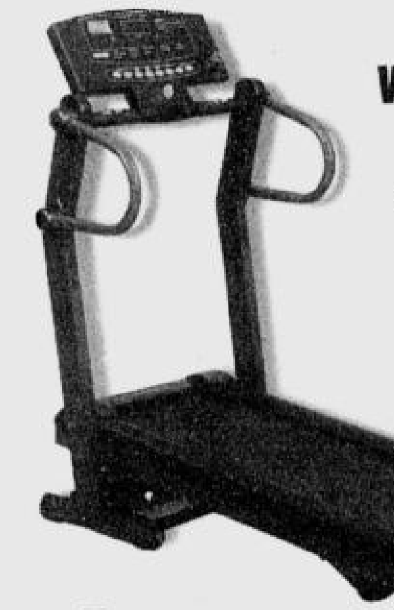

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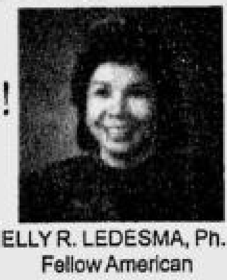

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P85-M malverse rap vs NEA exec

By Volt Contreras

THE OMBUDSMAN'S office has approved the filing of an P85-million malversation case against a finance executive of the National Electrification Administration.

The anti-graft agency charged Manuel Luis Sanchez, NEA's deputy administrator for finance, with having illegally used bonds belonging to bidders for a NEA contract to buy Treasury bills from March to September 2000.

This allowed several individuals to appropriate for themselves some P85 million in public funds, Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo said in an interview yesterday.

The bidders who posted the bonds were vying for the contract to supply NEA with wood poles and cross beams.

The charge sheet said Sanchez "feloniously and in evident bad faith" entrusted the passbook of the bid bonds to Pablito Calayag, the manager of the Land Bank of the Philippines' North Avenue branch, and later authorized the use of the funds totaling P85 million to purchase Treasury bills.

By April 2000, several "unauthorized persons," including Calayag, Amado Rodrigo, Rudolf Mañalac and Salvador Mauricio, had been able to convert the T-bills and withdraw the cash from NEA's account with the Landbank.

Marcelo last Tuesday approved the filing of charges against Sanchez at the Sandiganbayan.

The Ombudsman's investigating panel led by prosecutor Elvira Chua set Sanchez's bail at P60,000.

Calayag has been charged separately before the Quezon City regional trial court, while Rodrigo, Mañalac and Mauricio remain under investigation.

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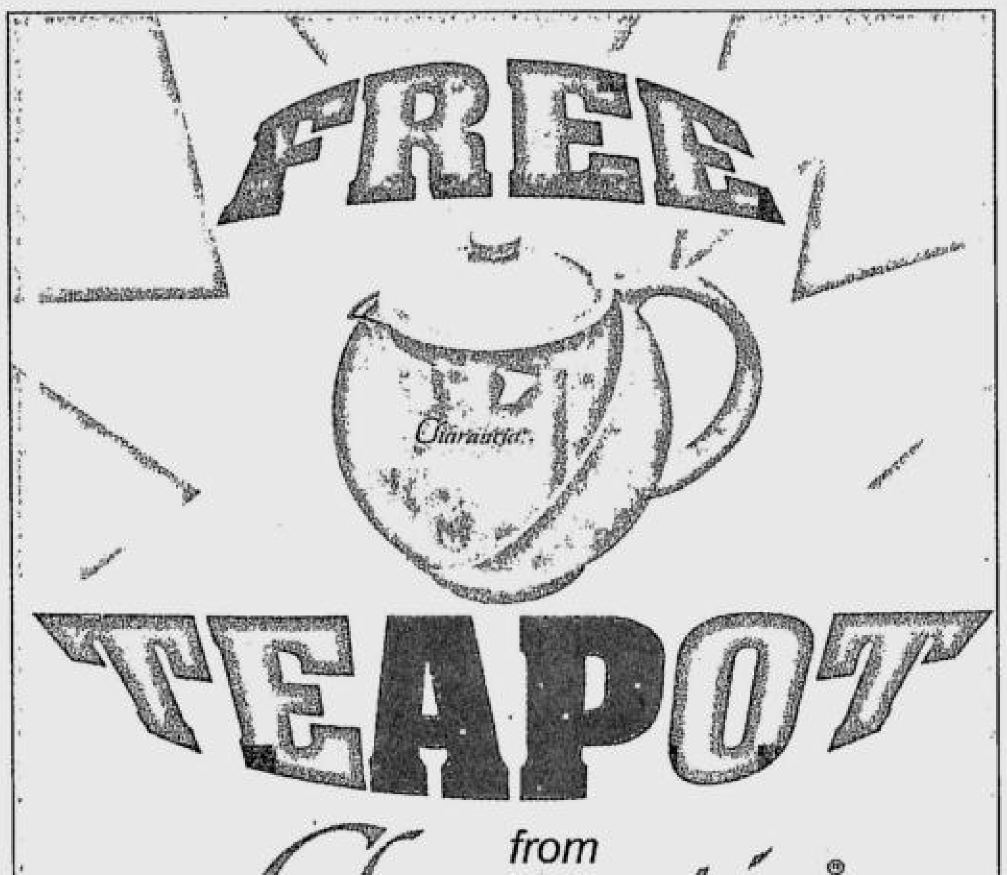

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2 former DOH chiefs don't find 'orchids on pills' funny

By Armand N. Nocum

TWO predecessors of Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said they were dismayed by his admission that birth control pills were being used to fertilize orchids in some government health centers.

Sen. Juan Flavier and Dr. Alberto Romualdez said the admission revealed "a cavalier attitude toward a serious flaw in the family planning program" and a "disregard for regulations covering the personal use of government property."

In a recent interview with the INQUIRER, Dayrit made the reference to the unconventional use of the contraceptive pills to illustrate an "oversupply."

With the statement, Dayrit meant to dismiss fears that the population control program would be greatly affected by the decision of the US Agency for International Development to reduce the country's allotment of contraceptives.

"Sometimes, some people use (the pills) to grow orchids," Dayrit said.

Romualdez protested that the supposed oversupply was due to distribution problems.

"All surveys to date show a gap, especially among the poor, between demand for family planning services and actual availability," Romualdez noted. "If what (Dayrit) says were true, we shouldn't have (to suffer) an excessive population growth rate."

Flavier hit Dayrit's declaration as a "flimsy excuse (to cover up a problem), bordering on lies about the country's family planning program."

Dayrit is currently away on an official trip to Geneva.

His chief of staff, Dr. Consortia Quizon, explained that the orchid account was "anecdotal" and, in fact, "did not happen during (Dayrit's) term."

Besides, she said, the amount of contraceptives used as fertilizers was "not substantial."

Dayrit was simply driving home the point, Quizon added, that the problem with all forms of contraceptive—"not just the pill"—was low acceptability among Filipinos.

Flavier also needled Dayrit for not making full use of pork barrel funds allocated for the family planning program. *"Hindi ginagalaw* (it was not touched)," he said, referring to the fund. "In the future, they will have to explain this."

Piatco denies monopoly charge

THE PHILIPPINE International Air Terminals Co. (Piatco) yesterday accused its opponents of dredging up old issues in claiming that the consortium that won the contract to build the Naia Terminal 3 was trying to create a monopoly in the aviation industry.

Piatco counsel Frank Chavez claimed that the monopoly issue had long been discredited in the reports of the congressional committees that probed the government's contract with Piatco.

"Since a private investor risks his money to build facilities, the build-operate-transfer law has allowed the private investor to recover by granting him a franchise to provide the services appropriately needed in an international passenger terminal," Chavez said in a statement.

He said it was the vested interest groups fighting to keep their service monopolies at Terminal 2 that were allegedly misinforming the public and whipping up anti-Piatco sentiments.

Companies providing ground services at Naia have charged that Piatco shareholders were conspiring to restrain trade at Terminal 3, prevent free competition and monopolize the airport services industry.

"The barriers to entry are not only against new players but against even existing providers," said Francis Lim, the lawyer for the seven service providers in a manifestation sent to the Supreme Court.

The seven companies which wrote to the SC were Miascor Groundhandling Corp., DNATA-Wings Aviation Systems Corp., Macroasia-Eurest Catering Services Inc., Macroasia-Menzies Airport Services Corp., Miascor Catering Services Corp., Miascor Aircraft Maintenance Corp. and Miascor Logistics Corp.

Lim said that Piatco's contracts would allow it to terminate all contracts of the companies currently providing ground services at Naia 2 and 3. *N. Bordadora*

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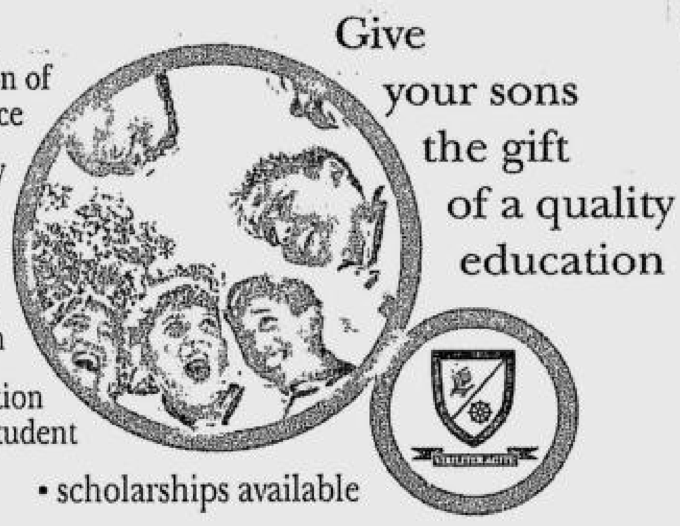

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GMA wants 2004 polls computerized

By Dona Pazzibugan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo vowed yesterday to see to the complete computerization of the 2004 presidential elections.

In her weekly radio message, Ms Macapagal said she would talk in detail about the computerization program tomorrow on the second anniversary of Edsa II, that installed her as president.

"We will make (the elections) computerized from the counting up to the tabulation so that every vote will be counted correctly," she vowed.

Also in her radio message yesterday, the President said the Edsa II revolt that installed her as president was a demonstration of the people's anger against corruption in the previous administration.

So on the 2nd anniversary of Edsa II, she said she would launch a movement against corruption.

"I reiterate my strong belief in our countrymen," Ms Macapagal said. "I strongly believe that through unity and cooperation we can overcome any problem, like what we did at Edsa."

Gloria …

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Although the Supreme Court has not come up with a final ruling on who own the money raised from the levy imposed on coconut farmers during martial law, it has declared that the money is imbued with public interest

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Pinay fights …

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ous controlling case for such matters, known as the Grijalva case.

But the appeals court pointed out that the Grijalva case was based on the earlier procedure of notification by certified mail, and that the stringent requirements for aliens in case they failed to receive the notice by regular mail should not be applied.

"Although it is still proper to presume that postal officers properly discharge their duties, delivery by regular mail does not raise the same 'strong presumption' as certified mail, and less should be required to rebut such a presumption," the appeals court said in its decision.

"It has to be held that it was an abuse of discretion for the BIA and the immigration judge to apply the predecessor statute's evidentiary requirements in denying Salta's motion to reopen."

Deportation hearing

Salta initially requested a hearing before the INS so that she could apply for Cancellation of Removal relief—a measure available to those who have lived in the United States for 10 years or more and who have a parent or child who is a lawful permanent resident or US citizen.

The INS sent an initial notice for her to appear at a "removal hearing" on Nov. 4, 1999. Salta, with Laguatan, complied, but was told that the court had yet to receive her file and would have to reset the hearing.

On June 27, 2000, Salta received notice by mail that a new hearing date would be scheduled.

The new hearing was subsequently set for Aug. 29, 2000, and according to its records, the INS sent another notice to Salta by regular mail at her address of record—the one stated on her petition and at which she had received both the initial and the June 2000 notices.

It turned out that Salta did not receive this notice and thus failed to appear on the scheduled date of hearing. Laguatan, who had failed to file a Notice of Appearance in her case at the INS, was not sent a notice for the Aug. 29, 2000, hearing.

The immigration judge conducted the "removal hearing" in absentia, pursuant to the existing law.

The next item that Salta received by mail was a letter stating that she was to report to the INS for removal or deportation on Oct. 17, 2000.

Laguatan immediately filed before the immigration court a Motion for Stay of Deportation and a Motion to Reopen, saying that neither Salta nor he had received the notice of the hearing.

But the immigration judge denied the motions, citing the Grijalva case as well as the presumption that public officers such as postal employees were discharging their duties.

Impossible burden

The judge said Salta had the burden of proof of showing that she never received the notice, and required her to submit substantial evidence from the postal service authorities, among others, indicating that the letter was not delivered.

Laguatan appealed the denial, arguing before the BIA that the proof required by the immigration court was an impossible burden for Salta, or any other respondent in similar cases, to carry.

"Which postal employee would admit in an affidavit that she or he negligently failed to deliver a letter?" said Laguatan, a Bar-certified expert in immigration law and a former anti-Marcos activist. "So many good people are being deported in absentia hearings because of this relatively new law allowing for regular mail and the ruling on the Grijalva case, and it is just not right."

The justices of the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with Laguatan, and granted the petition for review that he had filed for Salta.

The court also noted that the INS had conceded in oral arguments that "if the facts Salta alleges are true, it is unlikely that the immigration judge would have grounds to deny her motion to reopen."

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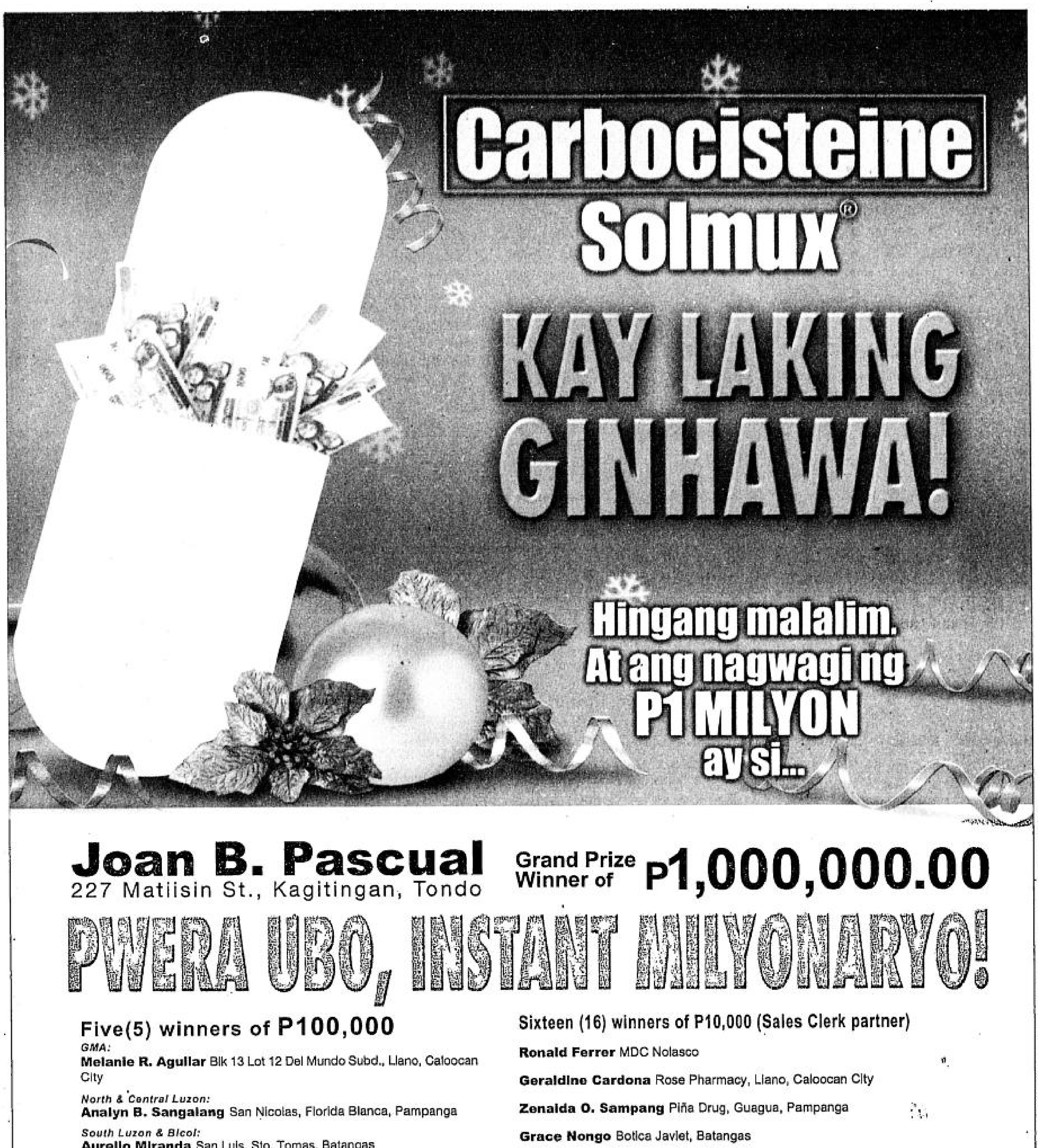

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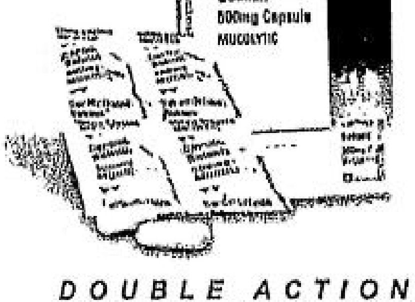

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A culture of surveys

EDITORIAL

THE LATEST Social Weather Stations survey does not only show the lack of a groundswell for Charter change; it also reveals the severe limitations of surveys in general.

The SWS poll, conducted from Nov. 15 to Dec. 2 last year, found that 79 percent of voting-age Filipinos—four out of every five—saw no need for any constitutional amendments. The poll met the usual benchmarks of a statistically credible nationwide survey: a representative base of 1,200 respondents, a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent, a confidence level of 95 percent.

But the fourth-quarter poll also found that 75 percent of Filipino voters—three out of every four—described themselves as knowing little or almost nothing about the 1987 Constitution. In contrast, only 20 percent said their knowledge was partial but sufficient, and only 4 percent said their knowledge of the Constitution, the country's third since independence in 1946, was extensive.

We have no quarrel with these numbers; we do not doubt their scientific basis or their internal consistency. But we do wonder about their usefulness. At a time when surveys of public opinion have become a crucial part of the political process, a poll with such "ironic" findings—as newspaper reports described the discrepancy—can only raise questions about the role of surveys in general.

The citizen whose conscience is nagged by the results of one poll is even more aghast when he compares this survey with another. A similar fourth-quarter poll conducted by Pulse Asia found that a statistical majority of voting-age Filipinos, some 54 percent, don't want Charter change. We know that the survey questions are couched differently and that even the terms used may be different. But how can the discrepancy between SWS' 79 percent and Pulse Asia's 54 percent be reconciled, or even explained?

Obviously, there is much that these surveys—like all other surveys—have missed: in truth, only the most important details, such as motive and conviction and circumstance, those which cannot be reduced to numbers.

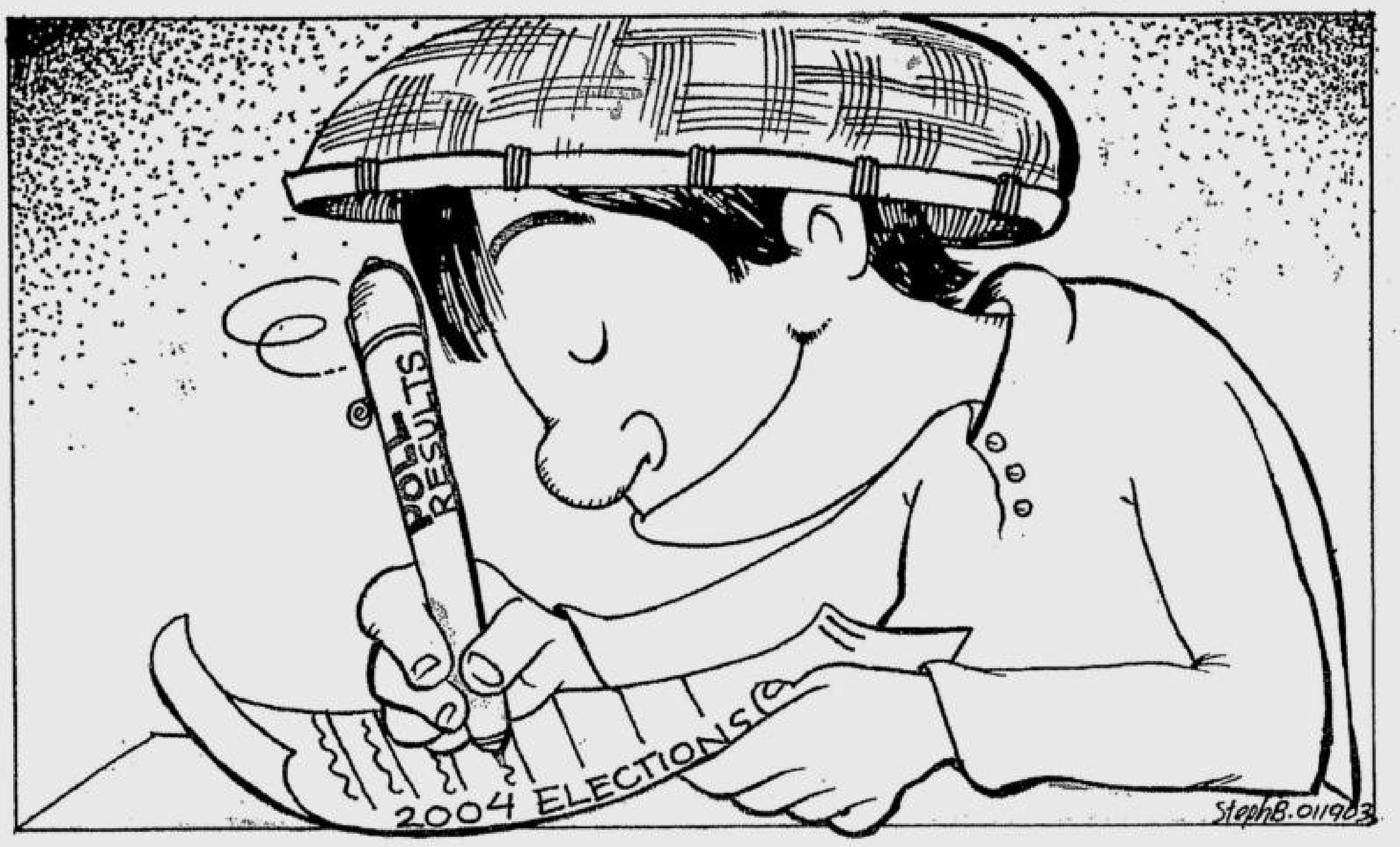
By and large, reputable survey firms have exercised a becoming modesty; they have tried to limit the scope of their analysis and interpretation of results to only what the data can bear. But results such as this one from SWS—a majority of voters don't want to change a Constitution they know next to nothing about—beg the question: Why have modern democracies come to rely heavily on surveys, when the surveys themselves are only a limited tool, a gauge of the merely quantifiable?

The modern public-opinion poll has reached that stage in its development where it is used not only to measure public sentiment but also to shape public policy, party platform, even personal principle. Take just one example. The ecumenical declarations of Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats officials, that they are open-minded enough to consider even non-party members such as former Sen. Raul Roco and former Ambassador Eduardo Cojuangco Jr. as the party's standard-bearer in the 2004 presidential election, cannot mask the cynicism of their faith in practical politics. The truth is, they are willing to consider anyone who happens to do well in the surveys. For them, popularity comes first, and policy, platform and principle come later (if at all).

In this context, the misuse of survey results can almost be said to be counter-democratic. Democracy has never been simply a popularity contest, a zero-sum game where the one with the most number of votes, or the highest name recall factor, or the most famous spouse, wins the fight. If it were, then we would be trapped in De Tocqueville's nightmare, the tyranny of the majority.

Instead, democracy's central promise is summarized in that fine phrase, "the majority of one." We believe that every single member of the community has something valuable to contribute to the common good. This is why the Constitution that most Filipinos say they do not understand protects individual rights so zealously: every citizen is sovereign.

A political culture that is a slave to surveys wields a sledgehammer against this bedrock principle. Because it only understands quantity, such a culture mocks the quality of every individual's participation.



Mike Velarde's national coalition

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE WORST news so far this year was headlined by this paper last Tuesday: "Bro. Mike forming nat'l unity coalition."

That headline hit me like an incredible catastrophe. It was as if the INQUIRER was announcing an impending tidal wave. I read "national unity" as a national aberration.

Brother Mike? Who he? Thousands of his followers may call him *kuya*, but not I and millions of others too. We are more selective in choosing our brothers.

Who is Mike Velarde anyway? What are his credentials to justify his call for his "national unity coalition"? What are his political and spiritual qualifications as organizer and head of this supposed non-political movement?

I have seen him in action on TV during his regular rallies at the Cultural Center grounds attended by thousands of his followers. Usually attired in gaudy shirt or coat and tie, he harangues his audience with moral lessons spiced with citations from the Bible.

He's not a spellbinder or even a good speaker, but his disciples listen to him as if he were the new Messiah. When he waves his white handkerchief, the whole congregation follows suit like regimented entertainers in a Cecil B. de Mille extravaganza. It's all part of the prayer routine of the El Shaddai cult.

He's not an ordained priest, but ministers from the Catholic Church attend his rallies and even celebrate Mass there. They probably even consider him a superior colleague and concede his tremendous drawing power compared to theirs.

I do not know how the contributions are collected from the El Shaddai faithful, but there must be plenty of them to keep the organization alive and even growing. Maybe tithing is observed although this cannot be enforced by the Catholic Church itself, of which El Shaddai is supposed to be a part.

Does the Catholic Church share in the contributions collected by the El Shaddai cult? Has Cardinal Sin given his imprimatur to the group and celebrated some of its Masses? Bishop Teodoro Bacani's presence at its prayer meetings is obviously with the permission of the local Catholic hierarchy.

One thing is clear, and that is Brother Mike's influence on the politicians, from the President of the Philippines down to the humblest local officials. The reason is the general obedience of his cult members to his choice of candidates for public office. His favor translates to thousands of votes that could insure his candidate's election.

In every election campaign, part of the candidate's agenda is to curry favor with Brother Mike. He probably reaches his decision alone or by consensus of his top leaders, with him exerting decisive influence. Once made, the selection is considered religious doctrine and binding on the El Shaddai faithful as part of their spiritual duties.

The consideration, if any, is a mystery, unlike in the case of the Iglesia ni Cristo, some of whose members have been appointed to high positions in appreciation of its past or future election support. Two prominent members of the Estrada Cabinet came from the Iglesia, presumably upon its recommendation or even insistence.

Brother Mike himself is not impressive in appearance or qualifications. He does not have the personality of Quezon or the eloquence of Roxas or the folksy magnetism of Magsaysay. He's certainly not handsome like FPJ. He is a very ordinary person except for his extraordinary appeal to the simple El Shaddai people who have practically canonized him.

The phenomenal success of the El Shaddai under Mike Velarde is one of the bizarre eccentricities of our present society. Qualified ministers of the Catholic Church have devoted a lifetime to achieving his stature but with little success. By contrast, this humble and obscure layman, with little theological preparation, is regarded as a demi-saint by his impressionable flock.

As leader of his coalition, Velarde could be a "kingmaker" who might plunge our country from the frying pan into the fire. Remember Joseph Estrada? He was the "niño bonito" of the El Shaddai (and also of the Iglesia ni Cristo) despite his moral and intellectual shortcomings. Brother Mike touted his idolized but now fallen leader as the champion of the poor and the savior of the country.

Interestingly, Erap's once ardent advocate has not manifested a remnant of loyalty to him, now that he is a detention prisoner and no longer residing in Malacañang. The guest of honor at one of the recent rallies of El Shaddai was, as might be expected of the practical guru, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Mike Velarde started as an ordinary businessman and within a few years has become a big businessman and a religious and political leader as well. Remembering his past miserable choices for elective office, I for one am not enthused by his dubious national coalition.

Selfless love

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

SOME years ago, there was an old German priest who sat at the entrance of Christ the King Seminary, as if waiting for something or someone. He would sit at the guardhouse quietly every morning, his eyes focused on vehicles coming in. After some time, he would reluctantly stand up, and walk back slowly to the retirement house, occasionally looking back. The next morning, he would be back at the guardhouse again all dressed up, as if ready to go.

Actually, according to the story I heard, Father Jose wanted so much to stay on, retire and die in Cagayan, but being an obedient son of Blessed Arnold Janssen, he agreed to come to Manila for a medical check up after he was promised by his superiors that a jeep from Cagayan would someday come to fetch him. That's why he sat there every morning, obedient like a child till the very end, waiting for the jeep from Cagayan that never came.

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Today is the Feast of the Sto. Niño, and the Gospel today (Mk. 10, 13-16) reminds us of the helplessness and obedience of children. It is so sad that precisely because children are helpless, innocent and obedient, they are taken advantage of by selfish and perverted adults.

Psychologists tell us that abusive adults are themselves children who never grew up. And why do we have such adults in our society? Because of the parents and adults who went before them.

We have to go back to the family. More than ever, we have to strengthen the family. Yes, the Sto. Niño is calling on all families to go back to love, selfless love.

How deep is your love for each other in your family? How selfless is your love, especially for the children?

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We need to be strong inside because there's a lot of pressure from outside. To use a current phrase, the family is under attack. If there is no anchor, it is so easy to drift into the sea of permissiveness, abuse, neglect and exploitation. A peaceful, happy and prayerful home can make the children come back and hold on to family values that have become so fragile in a world that seeks instant pleasures and distractions.

These are stormy days. Make sure that you have a place of refuge in your home, and make sure that your home is strong.

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A child is born with clenched fists, while a man dies with open hands. This is the natural movement of life—from selfishness to selflessness. However, some adults never really grow up. They continue to be selfish and greedy. They never have enough. They need to have all the "toys for the big boys" and continue the "collection" hobbies down to their very grave.

Is there anyone like this in your house? There's plenty of them in the government, and in the church too. May we not become like the disciples who hindered the children from coming close to Christ because of our selfishness.

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When is enough, enough? I mean, how much money do you need in this world before you say you have enough?

Someone said there are two ways to have enough. One is to accumulate more and more and then say enough. The other is to desire less. The former hardly happens. The latter is doable and commendable.

Let us pray for contentment. May the things we do not have, cannot have and should not have not stop us from enjoying that which we already have.

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Are you a caregiver? A caregiver is one who gives care. Are you able to give care? A selfish person can give care, but he gives care only or mostly to himself. There are a lot of people who are supposed to be in public service but in fact are engaged only mostly in self-service.

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Are you a caretaker? A caretaker is like a steward who owns nothing, but is responsible and takes care of everything. A selfish person is capable of taking care, but he is one who'd rather take care only of himself, his own business, his own properties, his own image, his own agenda. Actually, a selfish person is more of an "under taker," one who takes what is under (the table) and who is already digging his own grave while he is still alive, and is headed to the bottomless pit when he dies.

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Adultery is the sin of adults. But more than adultery, our sin as adults is that we adulterate life itself. We add lies and excuses to get by. We kill the joy, enthusiasm and innocence of others. We manipulate people and exploit the needs of others. We add unnecessary burdens and pains to the people around us because of our greed and selfishness. We have mastered the art of deception and end up claiming we are adults and mature when in fact we never really grew up. Only if and when we have learned selfless love can we really claim we have become really, really grown up.

As the song goes, "Hey, have you ever tried, really reaching out to the other side?" Reach out. Jesus has shown us the way. Let's all go for selfless love, as far as possible, without surrender.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, teach me selfless love, and help me not to forget what it is like to be a child as I go through life. Amen.

Cities for all, not 'order above all'

COMMENTARY

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I LIVED for some time in Barangka, Marikina, and noticed how pleasantly different Marikina was from the other cities of Metro Manila. Only Bayani Fernando could have done it. I remember that one of the then mayor's slogans was "Bahala si BF" (Leave it up to BF). The people of Marikina were only too happy to leave everything to him because he delivered. I was.

It was this ability to deliver that made President Macapagal-Arroyo choose him as MMDA czar. She told him to do to Metro Manila what he had done to Marikina: restore order in the streets. He proceeded to do that and was applauded by many. But in the process he totally disregarded a sector, which makes up a majority of the population: the urban poor whose contribution is indispensable to Metro Manila. It drew flak from various NGOs because it contradicted the President's pro-poor pronouncements.

Fernando should have realized that Metro Manila is not Marikina. Metro Manila, with its population of over 10 million compared to Marikina's half a million, is much more diverse. Any development plan for Metro Manila must respect its diversity. In other words, any plan has to be negotiated with various stakeholders. Surely, it will eat up a lot of time. But considering Metro Manila's diversity, negotiation is a necessary process of any plan. Otherwise, it will never succeed.

That is why the Urban Research Consortium together with the Philippine Sociological Society held a public forum on "Governance, Citizenship and the City" on Jan. 13 at the Ateneo de Manila campus. The forum hoped to ignite open public discussions on how planning for Metro Manila could be rationalized and done in a way that respects the rights of all.

The audience was excited. Fernando was going to be a speaker. Everyone—from academics, researchers, to urban poor groups—was eager to engage him in a productive discussion about matters that concern Metro Manila. His speech itself pointed to the timeliness of the opportunity to speak at a public forum concerning the restoration of order in the city "in view of my newest task" (as public works secretary). Unfortunately, he wasn't there to read the speech. He sent word at the last minute that he couldn't come because he had been summoned by the President to Malacañang.

Mary Racelis, one of the invited speakers, expressed everyone's disappointment well when she said in jest that she would have loved to "lock horns" with him. I don't know if it's part of a pattern, but during the open forum, two representatives from the urban poor lamented Fernando's refusal to talk to them. Apparently, urban poor groups have been trying to set up a meeting with him but he always backed out at the last minute.

Fernando's speech was read by Corazon Cruz, an official at the MMDA, who herself admitted to not having fully adjusted to his way of doing things. The speech which outlined his plans for Metro Manila, showed a man who sees the city in terms only of roads, sidewalks and geometric axes, a narrow vision that Cruz apologetically attributed to his being an engineer.

No doubt he is a good engineer but he still has a lot to learn about urban planning: such as that it goes beyond engineering, beyond the physical. He needs to learn that planning for a city must always have the people in mind. And not just some people but **all** the people. The affluent ones who drive cars must have applauded his move to forcibly move people off the streets, but these people are but a portion—a small one at that—of Metro Manila's population. A participant who said at the open forum that any urban planning should integrate, not segregate, said it eloquently. If only he showed up, he would have learned a lot from the speakers and the audience.

Racelis, one of the country's foremost social scientists, talked about inclusion, especially of the urban poor. She said that the urban poor keep urban areas like Metro Manila afloat. Estimates show that they compose 55 percent of Metro Manila's population. Thus, if only for their sheer number, common sense dictates that they must have a voice in any plan that affects them. But this is not just about numbers. To quote a Jesuit friend, "The poor must be treated humanely and not as nuisances to government infrastructure plans. Government projects are urgent but people's need to earn a living is just as—if not more—urgent."

Architect Paulo Alcazaren, an urban planning expert who worked in Singapore for about a decade as an urban planner and is now consultant to government projects, gave the example of Singapore as a possible model that Metro Manila can follow. Singapore faced the same problems we face today: streets and sidewalks clogged by street hawkers and other people who used them for various illegal purposes. Lee Kuan-Yew solved the problem by removing people from the sidewalks and the streets but **not before** giving them an alternative. Hawkers' centers were established and people were relocated in a democratic process. It seems that Lee, who is admired for the achievements of Singapore but criticized for his undemocratic ways, is in fact not only more rational but also more democratic, and more humane, than Fernando. Ironically, Singapore is Marikina's model for development.

The forum proceeded without Fernando. But it would have been better if he had been there. The lessons he would have learned would have been very useful, especially now that he is the public works secretary and is in a position to affect people all over the country. *Sayang*, he would have learned a lot about inclusive and negotiated development—very basic things really. It might be difficult to unlearn some things, but he has to learn that "Bahala si BF" does not always work.

Welcome relief for couples, courts

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THE NEWS may have come at the "wrong" time, what with the Fourth World Meeting of Families commencing on Wednesday in Manila. Organizers and participants in the expectedly huge gathering, especially Filipinos, would certainly be anxious to project the country as a haven for families, though only those families that adhere to the definition of the Catholic hierarchy: a man and woman, married to each other, and their children.

The Philippines is a bastion of conservative values. We are still one of the very few countries in the world where there is no divorce. And even while we have in place what some people have called "de facto divorce," all sorts of obstacles have been erected that make the road to the declaration of nullity long, winding and costly.

One of these was the practice of the Office of the Solicitor General to automatically raise to the Court of Appeals every declaration of nullity granted by a lower court. The ostensible reason was to guard against the "collusion" of the couple, since the required procedure is for an "aggrieved" spouse to prove to the court that his or her partner is unfit or incapable of performing the basic responsibilities in a marriage.

The practice of appealing a declaration of nullity has meant months or years of delay for couples who have long renounced each other. What should come as a relief for an untenable relationship, or for the legitimization of a subsequent one, turns into an interminable wait, further insecurity, a legal limbo for people whose only "crime" was loving unwisely.

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WHAT'S more, the practice has made seeking an annulment extremely expensive, since the services of a lawyer must still be retained while the appeal is pending. This means only those who can afford to hire a lawyer and pay for psychological testing and counseling can take the legal route to ending a marital relationship. For those without the means, ending a relationship simply means walking away, even if, under the law, they remain married to each other and future relationships remain under the cloud of illegitimacy.

But the real iniquity is that even the poor share the burden of this added expense. A report places the number of nullity cases pending before the Court of Appeals at well over 14,000. All these years, lawyers at the OSG also had to spend valuable time and effort certifying the decisions of the family courts or preparing their briefs before the Court of Appeals. And this despite the overloaded and indeed clogged workloads of all our courts, including the Court of Appeals.

The sluggish and uneven administration of justice, especially for poor litigants, has been cited as one of the major and most divisive issues of governance in this country. A backlog of annulment cases certainly did not help speed up or ease the flow of justice in this land.

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NOW there's some relief in sight, with the recommendation of a judicial reform committee created by the Supreme Court that the OSG cease representing the state in cases of annulment or declaration of nullity.

Solicitor General Alfredo Benipayo, who knows first-hand, as a former Supreme Court administrator, how overloaded the judicial system is, has readily agreed to the proposal. It would not only relieve litigants, he said, but the OSG as well, since his office's 150 lawyers are swamped beneath the workload of about 220,000 criminal and civil cases, while dealing with more than 400 annulment suits filed every week.

Reports on this development foresee the possible reactions of certain sectors, especially the Catholic Church, which could predictably describe the recommendation as yet another "attack" on the sanctity and integrity of the family unit. But I don't see how making things difficult, more emotionally strained and expensive for couples who can no longer stay married to each other can help strengthen the Filipino family. If anything, it can only weaken it.

The quality or authenticity of a family, or a marriage for that matter, does not lie in its legal status alone, or on the united front that spouses present before polite society. Rather, it lies in the relationship between spouses and between them and their children and other members of the family. If there is genuine caring and concern, respect and fondness among them, then it is a family in the fullest sense of the word. But if there is only pretense, indifference and hypocrisy, or worse, cruelty and pain, then that marriage is better off ended, the family better off liberated.

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A MOTHER of two very young children has a legitimate concern to air regarding the radio and TV spots promoting the Fourth World Meeting of Families. She referred in particular to the ad that sought to draw attention to the issue of domestic violence, especially the one that purports to promote leather goods (a belt, shoes) and showing how its durability is "proven" by being used against a helpless spouse.

"My children run to me every time they hear or see the ads," said the mother. "And one time, my son even asked me if that was really the way to test the quality of leather." I, too, was disturbed by the ad, but mainly because it seemed to harp on the victimization and helplessness of abused women, instead of showing them a way out of their situation.

Also, I wish the spots did not stop at asking the public to "pray" for abused women and children, but went on to demand that society—including the Church—work to bring an end to domestic violence once and for all.

Edsa II revisited

PUBLIC
LIVES

Randy David

IT all began with troubling images of the way the presidency was being conducted. President Joseph Estrada, elected by a popular vote in 1998, was carrying on as if he was intentionally showing his contempt for formal institutions, the very structures from which he drew his authority.

Complaining of aching knees, he stopped going to his office at the main building of the Palace, a short walk from the presidential residence. He started to hold important meetings in the living room of the presidential quarters, where his intimate buddies mixed freely with top ministers of the state. The boundaries that separated the private from the public, the personal from the official, were dissolved. The Cabinet was assimilated into the Estrada household, where the gambler Atong Ang could rub shoulders with legislators and business contractors in what seemed like a natural conflation of identities.

Estrada knew from the start that he did not have the more educated middle and upper classes on his side. This did not bother him at all. He treated it as a theme in the script that history gave to him. He was content to see himself as the president of the poor, the equalizer who would lift them from their misery. He came at the right time: the country had just gone through a phenomenal period of growth, but the poor were left behind.

Had he remained faithful to his populist role and had he used the awesome powers of the presidency to correct the great imbalances that characterize our society, Estrada would have remained president for a long time. But his pro-poor program was nothing more than just another performance. When its substantive requirements clashed with the private interests of his patrons and friends, he behaved no differently from other self-seeking politicians, who are always repaying debts or giving out favors in exchange for a commission.

The ironic thing is that there was nothing extraordinary in what Estrada was doing. Nearly all the presidents of this country before him were suspected of corrupt or inappropriate behavior at some point during their term. Yet no one came close to being impeached. The big difference is that they were all discreet and legally circumspect, while Erap seemed to draw extra pleasure from flaunting the various ways in which he could make illegal things possible by his power. A new generation saw this and would no longer suffer it.

Today when we look back to the events that culminated in Edsa II, we usually cite the crucial revelations made by Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson about *jueteng* payoffs to the former president. But to zero in on this item alone is to trivialize these events and to overlook the social conditions that made possible the surge of popular energy that we remember today as Edsa II. These conditions are exactly what keep the present discourse on governance alive.

It is worth keeping this in mind when we interpret the mandate of Edsa II. This is not just about gambling lords paying protection money to a president. Nor is it about the moral issue of a head of state building palatial mansions for his mistresses. Nor is it about an alcoholic president who is sober only from noontime. This is rather about the awakening of a new generation of Filipinos who have become conscious of the need to change the way we live as a nation if we are to survive the challenges of an increasingly complex world.

It is not an accident that those who came to Edsa II were mostly young students and professionals in their formative years. Through the Internet and satellite television, and from the accounts of their relatives working abroad, they know what is happening in the rest of the world. They are aware that out there is a very competitive and highly challenging world. They do not reject that world. They want to be a part of it, without having to leave their country.

Edsa II is this generation's urgent plea to reorganize ourselves, update our institutions, develop our human resources, and re-dedicate ourselves to our heroes' dream of an independent and confident nation before the imperatives of capitalist globalization overtake and drown us. Today we know that this cannot be achieved under a national leadership that governs the nation as if it is business as usual. It is clear that we can no longer afford to drift, because even if we don't drown, we would be swept by the tide to an isolated corner, there to wallow in our insecurities and irrelevant resentments.

Our young people refuse to accept a future without hope. They believe we are a gifted nation run by misguided and clueless leaders. They have seen how bad governance wastes the talent and imagination of our people by forcing upon them a life built on short-term coping. They are confident that we can do better, but only if we begin to see our situation in a different light.

Our horizons are very short; we seem unable to plan beyond one administration. We allow periodic elections to define change for us, confining ourselves to a change of faces, oblivious of the mind-boggling revolutions that are already taking place in various areas of human existence. We cling to old beliefs and practices, fearful that embracing the new might erase our identities.

But most of all, in our panic, we tend to go for the conventional solutions even before we have agreed what the problems are. Shall we go parliamentary, unicameral and federal? Something tells me we are operating from different assumptions. Can we begin by asking why our present institutions are not working as they should?

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Double-talk in US fair trade complaints

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

LIKE a stern schoolmaster, US Assistant Secretary for market access and compliance William Lash, last week lashed out (pun intended) at the Philippine government for its failure to strictly enforce the laws on intellectual property rights.

After describing the ease with which he was able to buy pirated DVD copies of two recent US-made movies at Greenhills, San Juan, he expressed disappointment with the "zero conviction" rate of the people arrested for video piracy. He said the widespread bootlegging activities, which also includes pharmaceutical products, have deprived US firms of some $116 million in lost revenues and $25 million in uncollected Philippine taxes.

Without being blunt about it, Lash was sending a message to the country's law-enforcement authorities, including the judges, to get their act together and prosecute and put behind bars the people who illegally traffic in the creative works of others.

While pointing an accusing finger, Lash seemed to have forgotten that an indispensable element in the successful prosecution of video piracy is the cooperation of the companies whose rights over the copied products have been violated. No suit for infringement of intellectual property rights will prosper in the Philippines and any other country in the world that recognizes those rights, unless the owners of counterfeited products can prove that, first, they own those rights and, second, that the suspects have not been authorized to reproduce and sell the products of their genius.

Lack of enthusiasm

This means representatives of the affected companies have to work closely with government prosecutors in the preparation of the case and testify in court against the accused. It is not enough that they submit statements claiming ownership of the contents of fake DVDs, dressing apparel and other popular household products.

Some of the intellectual property lawyers this writer talked to earlier have complained that local representatives of American companies whose products are prone to illegal duplication are hesitant to apply the full measure of the law on the arrested counterfeiters. The branch offices are content with the seizure of the bootlegged products and filing of complaints in court. After the second or third hearing, the representatives show little interest in the proceedings. The usual excuse given for the disinterest in the trial is heavy workload or pity for the small fry being made answerable for the crime while the brains behind the illegal trade are free to move around.

But the unspoken truth is, according to some lawyers, the American companies want to cut down on litigation expenses and attorney's fees. While these companies have no qualms about spending millions of dollars to pay for the services of their American lawyers, they are worse than Shylock when it comes to engaging the services of Filipino lawyers. In the few times that these companies agree to prosecute the infringement cases with vigor, they put up all kinds of excuses to delay the payment of the Filipino lawyers' fees. Some of these companies even think they are doing the lawyers a favor by engaging their services, hence, the reluctance to pay their bills promptly!

Consequences

Thanks to the companies' lackadaisical attitude, the cases are either dismissed for failure to prosecute or amicably settled with nothing more than the suspect promising "not to do it again" under pain of honest-to-goodness prosecution if he repeats the offense.

Instead of being chastened by the experience, however, the counterfeiter returns to the crime field with the thought that the victims of their illegal activities are not serious about protecting their rights and that, if caught again, they can expect to be let off without as much as a slap on the wrist.

Until the companies concerned fully cooperate in the prosecution of infringement cases, the illegal manufacture and distribution of privately owned artistic, intellectual and literary products will continue unabated. The traffic in counterfeit goods will not slow down, much less stop, unless the people behind it spend time behind bars.

The next time Lash drops by the country to monitor the progress of the campaign against intellectual property violations, it may be a good idea for him to find out first the extent of participation of the local representatives of American companies in that activity before opening his mouth.

He has no business criticizing the result of the government's drive against counterfeit products when the people whose interests he is supposed to protect are partly to blame for the zero conviction rate he has complained about.

Double-talk

Still on Lash, his call for the Philippine government to comply fully with the trade liberalization rules of the World Trade Organization is like the pot calling the kettle black.

He wants the tariff on goods and services entering the country reduced or removed in accordance with the rates and schedule laid down by the Western-controlled WTO. He preaches the gospel of good global citizenship as if the United States is its unsullied model.

How can Lash pontificate on the virtues of obedience to WTO principles when in March 2002 US President George Bush raised tariffs on imported steel to protect the US steel industry in violation of WTO rules over the strong objections of the European Union, Japan and other steel-producing countries? Bush pleaded "protection of the national interest" as justification for that move. But, as pointed out by independent American political analysts, the additional tariff was aimed at protecting the interests of the businessmen in the steel-producing states who are heavy contributors to the Republican Party.

The US government could not care less if the whole economic world was in uproar over his action. Its trade officials taunted the protesting countries to file the complaint with the WTO, but in the meantime the tariffs will remain in force to protect its steel industry.

Now, Lash is going around this part of the world asking the countries to follow WTO tariff liberalization rules. It's amazing he does not choke in his own words whenever he engages in double-talk about fair trade practices.

If defiance of WTO rules on tariff will help improve the Philippine economy, damn the WTO. Following in the footsteps of the United States, the Philippine government can invoke "protection of the national interests" as justification for the defiant action.

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TALK *of the* TOWN

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Is GMA slowing down on globalization?

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's statement on Jan. 10 that "unbridled globalization is no longer in vogue" was news.

Her statement amounts to "heresy" in the Washington Consensus (the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and US Treasury), which promotes the integration of economies around the world through import liberalization, privatization and deregulation.

But her new position on globalization came rather late as noted international economists, including Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz, as well as some heads of state, particularly Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, had warned against the dangers of globalization and of following IMF and World Bank prescriptions.

Although globalization has brought benefits to consumers such as cheaper appliances, shoes, poultry and dairy products, and vegetables, it has decimated Philippine industries whose products cannot compete with cheap imports.

Noting that the country's "tariff policies were crafted a decade ago in the heyday of globalization," Ms Macapagal has ordered that the pace of tariff reduction be slowed down to encourage the manufacturing sector.

However, she may not play a more activist role in promoting local industries. In her speech, she said officials were the last people who should second-guess a business activity as it was up to the market to separate the good from the bad.

'The President's heresy can be an empty rhetoric'

By Elias Jose M. Inciong
Director, United Broiler Raisers Association

THE STRATEGIC portion of President Macapagal-Arroyo's economic policy speech on Jan.10 signals three heretofore forbidden steps: 1) tariff program revision, and, more specifically, 2) slowing the tariff program pace, and 3) taking full advantage of all exemption windows allowed.

By the standards of globalization, as preached by the UP School of Economics, the University of Asia and the Pacific and the Makati Business Club, this is heresy—a deviation from globalization as dogma. The dogma, as enforced by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization, calls for more import liberalization, privatization, and deregulation. It also calls for blind compliance with the conditionalities of the IMF-World Bank. Critics call this the Washington Orthodoxy of free trade and passive government.

Although not a full-fledged policy shift, this deviation is unprecedented. We never heard anything like it under Presidents Aquino, Ramos, and Estrada.

For workers, peasants, the urban poor, and in fact, the entire nation, the President's heresy would either be more empty rhetoric or a historic opportunity for national development. If the President stops at merely slowing down the pace of tariff reduction, then it will be empty rhetoric as there will be no strategic change in direction. We will still be driving along the same road to national suicide, albeit at a slower pace, but at the end only more poverty awaits us. However, if the President can show our people that her heresy is the first step toward economic independence through industrialization and agricultural modernization, then there is hope for the future.

The next crucial step is to free the nation from the notion that the reason for our underdevelopment is that historically we have been protectionist and that we developed only when Ramos opened up the economy during his presidency. Remember parity? With the right historical perspective, we will be free to draw upon the experience of nations that have not been blindly obedient to the precepts of globalization.

Ironically, the first country we can learn from is the United States. For all its noise about free trade, it recently imposed protective tariffs on imported steel and then legislated new subsidies for its agricultural sector. Another nation we should study is China, the most successful country in this era of globalization. Ramgopal Agarwala, chief of the Economics Unit of the World Bank's Beijing office from 1993 to 1996, said that had China followed the Washington Orthodoxy, it could not have developed the way it has in the past 20 years.

'From lazy liberalization to lazy protectionism'

By Cristina A. Morales
Trade and industry policy analyst, Action for Economic Reforms

THAT unbridled globalization is no longer in vogue is not news to many. The swift opening up of domestic markets to foreign competition has failed to deliver its lofty promises of economic growth and development, and, in the absence of supporting measures to ensure business viability and transformation, has only served to highlight economic vulnerabilities and inequalities within and among nations.

However, to hear President Macapagal-Arroyo declare that she, too, has come to realize this fact is definitely news. The President's declaration to slow down the reduction of tariffs "to encourage the manufacturing sector and signal industrial policy" sent market fundamentalists into cardiac arrest, made disciples out of industry leaders, and left many progressive thinkers bemused, if not skeptical. Is this an honest-to-goodness shift in policy framework, or simply the administration's kowtowing to pressure?

While the President's pronouncements are indeed a spark of hope for many of our industries, one has to ask whether protection in the form of slower tariff reduction, in and by itself, will be enough to guarantee revitalized industries and better quality jobs.

The fact is that liberalization and protection are but two sides of the same coin. Each has its own claims to industrial promotion, the former promising more efficient production and resource allocation, the latter ensuring better and less risky profit incentives for business. Each, too, has its own downsides: liberalization may lead to destruction of inefficient industries and job loss, while protection nurses these inefficiencies.

The foremost truth that binds the two, however, is that neither is sufficient to promote the growth and development of industry. The most resonating lesson of the East Asian Miracle is that *coherence* and *completeness* of a country's industrial promotion strategy, which definitely includes but should not be limited to trade policy, are of primary importance.

Not all industries that are uncompetitive are inherently uncompetitive in the long term if they are given the time and resources to develop new skills and master new technologies. An equally crucial point to emphasize, however, is that there are some inherently uncompetitive activities that merit phase-out, and some that can be exposed immediately to international markets.

In between lies the bulk of the manufacturing industry, which has to undergo a process of retraining and new capability acquisition, varying in duration and content by activity, after which it can cope with import competition and establish a position in export markets.

Therefore, rather than taking liberalization alone or protection alone, the strategy should be to customize industrial policy according to the specificities of each industry, guided by a realistic assessment of their competitiveness, potential and viability in the medium term.

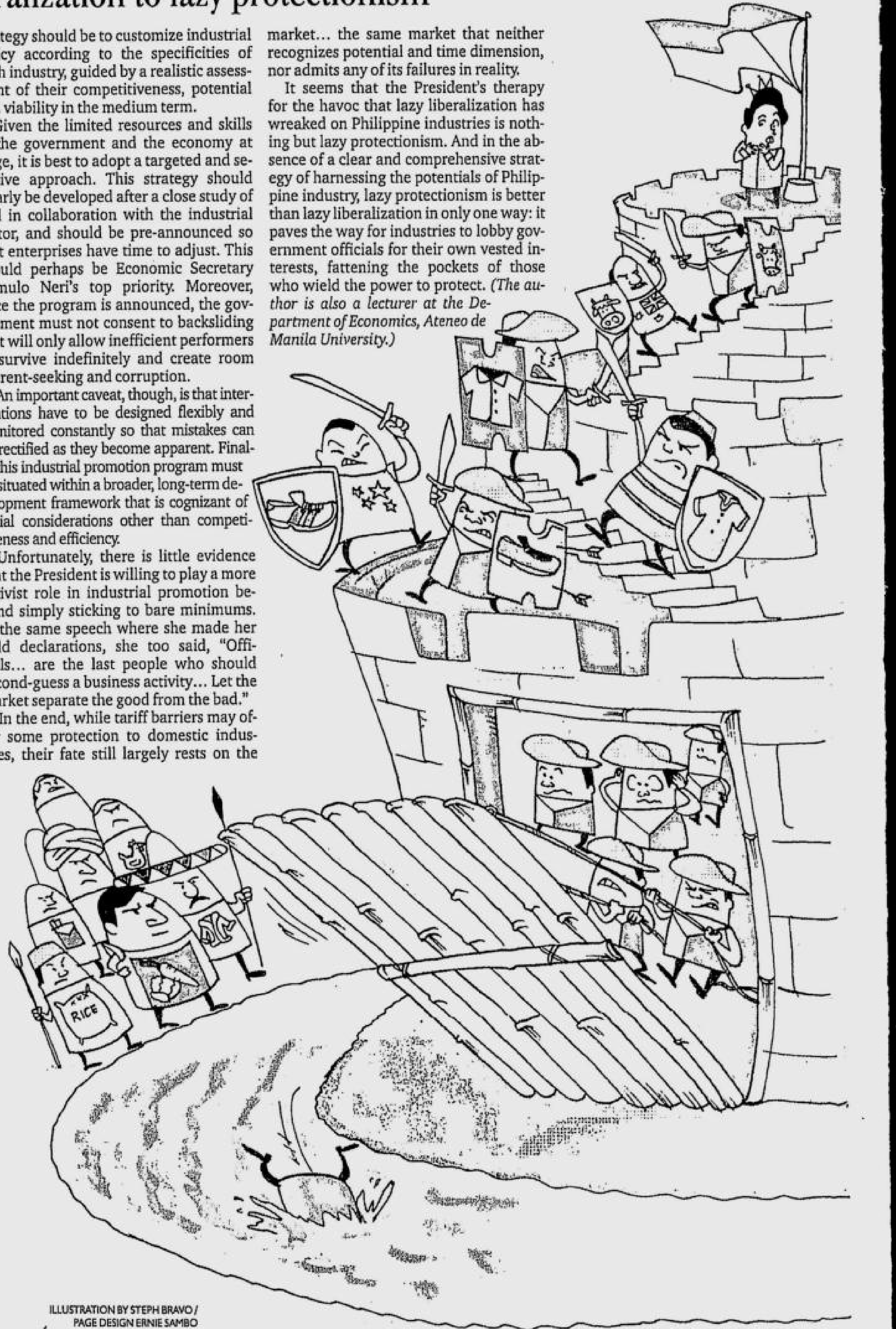
Given the limited resources and skills in the government and the economy at large, it is best to adopt a targeted and selective approach. This strategy should clearly be developed after a close study of and in collaboration with the industrial sector, and should be pre-announced so that enterprises have time to adjust. This should perhaps be Economic Secretary Romulo Neri's top priority. Moreover, once the program is announced, the government must not consent to backsliding that will only allow inefficient performers to survive indefinitely and create room for rent-seeking and corruption.

An important caveat, though, is that interventions have to be designed flexibly and monitored constantly so that mistakes can be rectified as they become apparent. Finally, this industrial promotion program must be situated within a broader, long-term development framework that is cognizant of social considerations other than competitiveness and efficiency.

Unfortunately, there is little evidence that the President is willing to play a more activist role in industrial promotion beyond simply sticking to bare minimums. In the same speech where she made her bold declarations, she too said, "Officials... are the last people who should second-guess a business activity... Let the market separate the good from the bad."

In the end, while tariff barriers may offer some protection to domestic industries, their fate still largely rests on the market... the same market that neither recognizes potential and time dimension, nor admits any of its failures in reality.

It seems that the President's therapy for the havoc that lazy liberalization has wreaked on Philippine industries is nothing but lazy protectionism. And in the absence of a clear and comprehensive strategy of harnessing the potentials of Philippine industry, lazy protectionism is better than lazy liberalization in only one way: it paves the way for industries to lobby government officials for their own vested interests, fattening the pockets of those who wield the power to protect. *(The author is also a lecturer at the Department of Economics, Ateneo de Manila University.)*



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'We are calibrating our responses further'

By Manuel Roxas II
Trade and Industry Secretary

GLOBALIZATION with its beneficial and inequitable features is a reality we must accept. To remain competitive, countries instituted economic, political, financial, even corporate reforms and as a group, hastened regional economic integration. This, as many have experienced, is a delicate balancing act.

We fought for better market access for our products, and wooed businessmen to keep their investments flowing into the country so additional jobs could be created for our people even as we tried to cushion the impact of liberalization on our vulnerable sectors.

Many members of Asean are walking this same tightrope. Having barely recovered from the Asian financial crisis, Asean members have to fortify themselves to cope with perceived threats and simultaneously take advantage of the vast market opportunities offered by China's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Now that the Asean Free Trade Area (Afta) is in its final stages of implementation, Asean members are liberalizing even their sensitive sectors.

We are calibrating our responses further. The President announced that the Philippines is set to meet only the minimums of Afta and the WTO and take full advantage of all exceptions allowed, thus reiterating in clearer terms the track we have taken for the past two years.

The challenge to strike the desired economic balance where all stakeholders could benefit and emerge competitive is best exemplified by the local petrochemical industry. Composed of the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors, the local petrochemical industry's stakeholders have varying levels of competitiveness and often clashing interests. The local downstream industry produces a wide range of plastic products like construction materials, packaging materials and basic consumer products such as pails and combs. This sector, now being threatened by the increasing influx of imported plastic products, would benefit from reduced tariffs on imported resins.

The midstream industry, the local producers of resins, which the downstream industry uses as inputs, wants to keep these tariffs at the highest possible level. Both sectors have considerable investments to protect and employ tens of thousands of workers. In the midst of these conflicting interests, the government made the choice.

Last September, we formally informed the Afta Council that we are delaying the liberalization of our petrochemical industry. Under Afta rules, countries may seek to temporarily opt out of their commitments in sectors that are not prepared to face foreign competition. Malaysia was the first member to invoke the Afta mechanism to allow it to delay the opening up of its auto market.

Thus, the President, after her announcement, signed an executive order reducing tariffs for certain midstream petrochemical products from 15% to 10%. But under the Afta schedule, this should have been brought down to 5% in 2002. The Philippine request for the delay on the liberalization of its petrochemical industry was due to the setbacks experienced by the proposed naphtha cracker project. By delaying tariff reduction for the past two years and extending the tariff protection by at least two more years, the proponents have been given enough time to put the deal together, erect the cracker facility and assure the project's viability by ensuring that it will have a stable local market. The naphtha plant processes by-products of oil refineries and produces compounds made into resins used for production of plastic products.

Our laws also provide some safety nets such as the Anti-Dumping Act, the Safeguard Measures Act and the Countervailing Duties Act. In a number of cases, the government had granted the petitions of certain industries for protection from unfair trade competition from abroad. Conversely, we have also availed ourselves of the remedies available to us under the WTO. Among members of the European Union, our canned tuna is slapped a 24% tariff while imports from their former colonies in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regions are given duty-free access. Together with Thailand, we had consultations with and concluded mediation under the WTO.

We encountered a similar problem in the United States when it wanted to give duty-free access for canned tuna from the Andean countries as part of its initiative against drugs. So, we lobbied. The President brought this up at the highest levels and we had some successes. The US granted duty-free access for pouched instead of canned tuna, which gave the local tuna industry a breathing spell. We have applied this same proactive stance to a variety of products, including our fresh fruits' access into Australia. We played a leadership role in the Doha Development Round in tempering the scope of negotiations and possible new obligations of developing countries under the WTO. We also ensured that we came out with something tangible such as the TRIPS Declaration on Public Health, which allowed developing countries to address socioeconomic problems such as access to affordable medicines.

We fought. We negotiated. We tried to find compromise. We will continue to fight, negotiate, and find the appropriate solutions again and again as we must remain vigilant in this ever-expanding global economy.

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The EVOLVING FILIPINO PSYCHIATRIST Addressing Current Issues

Messages

Once again, I send my sincerest felicitations to the Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc. on the occasion of your 29th Annual Convention.

Last July, I had the opportunity to share with you my thoughts on the challenge of making quality health services more accessible to the public on the opening of your 18th Post Graduate Course. I note with pleasure that you have adopted the same theme for this gathering. Indeed, it is important for professionals like you to continuously search for new wisdom to be able to partake and be an active contributor to scientific and social development in this day and age.

While you are devoting yourselves to cure your respective patients, undertakings such as this convention ensure that your individual efforts are geared towards the promotion of our society's mental health. Truly, your broadened participation in research, training, service and advocacy will go a long way in helping us obtain our developmental objectives.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO

Warm greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc. on the holding of its 29th Annual Convention entitled, "The Evolving Filipino Psychiatrists: Addressing Current Issues."

It is worthy to note that your organization has taken steps to help the government it its efforts to building a healthy citizenry. Your role as a psychiatrist is exemplified by your multifarious duty not only as a physician, but also as a citizen involved in providing solutions to current issues of the country.

In the field of mental health, physicians must be equipped with the necessary skills and competence through scientific forums, trainings, and seminars in order to reduce the prevalence of mental health illnesses. May this serve as an opportunity for you to share your expertise and experience with various colleagues and also to provide solutions to lessen the occurrence of mental health problems among our people.

Lastly, I am hoping that through this affair, closer ties among members will be reinforced to achieve a more peaceful and progressive society. A healthy mind, alongside a healthy body always builds a healthy and stronger republic.

On that note, I wish everyone a fruitful convention and bid you every possible success in all of your endeavors.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!

MANUEL M. DAYRIT, MD., Msc.
Secretary of Health

With sincerest greetings we greet, on behalf of the Officers and Board of Governors of the Philippine Medical Association, the officers and members of the Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc. on the occasion of its 29th Annual Convention.

We at the PMA are glad to be with you on this important convention and join you in welcoming participants and delegates to this meeting on mental health. Given the difficult socio-economic situation obtaining in the country, we congratulate our psychiatrists for having been able to contain an upsurge of mental maladies. The theme, "*The Evolving Filipino Psychiatrist: Addressing Current Issues,*" is most opportune, as it heightens awareness of the role of the Filipino psychiatrist as a clinician and also as an important component in nation building. The PPA deserves all commendation for its commitment to the opening of avenues for the intellectual pursuits of its members through world class scientific sessions and for its relentless pursuit of the ideal, "*mens sana in corpore sana.*" Let us all look forward to an unqualified success of this convention.

May we enjoin you to rally to the national annual convention theme, "PMA 100 Years - Continuing the Challenge for a Healthy Nation," by continuing the task of bringing effective and affordable healthcare to our people. At the same time, we invite you to celebrate with us on September 15, 2003, the PMA 100th Anniversary on the theme, "*100 Years of the PMA in Nation Building - Service to the People for a Healthy Philippines.*"

Congratulations. Mabuhay ang Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc.

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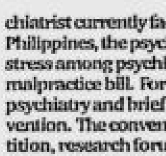

Mabuhay!

May I invite you to the Philippine Psychiatric Association's 29th Annual Convention with its theme "The Evolving Filipino Psychiatrist: Addressing Current Issues," on January 28-31, 2003, at the Baguio Country Club, Baguio City.

The convention covers issues that the Filipino psychiatrist currently faces; such as the current status of mental health in the Philippines, the psychiatrist and the pharmaceutical industry, coping with stress among psychiatrists, psychiatry and the overseas workers and the malpractice bill. Forensic psychiatry, trans-cultural psychiatry, biological psychiatry and brief psychotherapies are also amply covered in this convention. The convention also hosts the annual inter-hospital case competition, research forum and the 13th Robert T. Walter Memorial Lecture. On the lighter side, the fellowship committee has organized a sportsfest and "PPA Goes to Hollywood" fellowship night for all of us.

So I do hope you can join the PPA in the chilly climate of Baguio City.

Maraming Salamat.

DINO S.C. PEÑA, MD, FPPA
President, Philippine Psychiatric Association

This coming January, the Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc. will hold its 29th Annual Convention with the theme "The Evolving Filipino Psychiatrist: Addressing Current Issues". Aside from being the highlight of the year's activities, the convention is also the best occassion for the members to come together, not only to learn and be updated, but to enjoy each others' company and camaraderie.

Thus, let me invite you to savor Baguio at the best time of the year, and join us as we tackle and discuss issues confronting the contemporary Filipino Psychiatrist. We have prepared an interesting array of topics and issues to be presented during lectures, symposia and sessions. Also, lest we forget, there is the much awaited and attended fellowship night and sportsfest.

We hope to see all of you this January.

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PROGRAM

28 January 2003 (Tuesday)

03:00 PM Opening of Registration
05:00 PM Opening Ceremonies (Ballroom)

Invocation: Imelda Morales-Martin, MD, MHSA, FPPA
National Anthem
PPA Hymn
Welcome Address: Honorable Bernardo M. Vergara
Mayor, Baguio City
Opening Remarks: Jocelyn Nieva Yatco-Bautista, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI

13th Dr Robert T. Walter Memorial Lecture
Beyond the Third Stone: Growing Up Filipino
Introduction of Speaker: Bernardo L. Conde, MD, FPPA, FPNA
Speaker: Ma. Cynthia Ramos-Leynes, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI

Induction of the Officers of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists of the Philippines, Inc.

06:15 PM Current Status of Mental Health in the Philippines
Country Report
Chairperson: Beverly A. Azucena, MD, FPPA
Speakers: Sonia Castro-Rodriguez, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
Bernardo L. Conde, MD, FPPA, FPNA
Ma. Luz Casimiro-Querubin, MD, FPPA

07:30 PM Induction of the Officers of the Southern Tagalog Group of Psychiatrists

Eli Lilly Dinner Symposium
"Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability of Olanzapine in the Treatment of Schizophrenia or Schizophreniform Disorder Among Filipino Patients"
Speaker: Pureza Trinidad-Onate, MD, FPPA

29 January 2003 (Wednesday)

Officer of the Day: Gerardo Carmelo B. Salazar, MD
07:00 AM Registration
08:30 AM Opening of Booth Exhibits (Multi-Purpose Hall)
Ribbon Cutting: Undersecretary Antonio S. Lopez, MD, MPH
Health Operation Cluster, Department of Health

09:30 AM Keynote Address (Ballroom)
Introduction of Speaker: Dino S.C. Peña, MD, FPPA
Speaker: Manuel L. Dayrit, MD, MSc. (Represented by Undersecretary Antonio S. Lopez, MD, MPH)

10:30 AM Break
10:45 AM Current Ethical Issues
The Psychiatrist and the Pharmaceutical Industry
Chairperson: Sonia Castro-Rodriguez, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
Speakers: Atty. Francisco S. Borja, Jr.
Dante H. Abcede, MD, FPPA

12:15 PM Sanofi-Synthelabo Lunch Symposium
Substance Use in Schizophrenia: Does It Really Matter?
Speakers: Anselmo T. Tronco, MD, FPPA
Raymond L. Rosales, MD, FPPA, FPNA

Parallel Sessions (Training Centers I and II)

02:15 PM	Contemporary Issues Facing Psychiatrists	Current Psychosocial Issues
	Coping With Stress Among Psychiatrists	Charpersons: Nelson Anthony T. Maliliin, MD Ma. Madelin L. Baylon, MD
	Chairperson: Beverly A. Azucena, MD, FPPA	*Psychiatric Morbidity Among Filipina Domestic Helpers in Hongkong*
	Speakers: Jon Edward B. Jurilla, MD, DPBP Dino S.C. Peña, MD, FPPA Brigida S. Buenaseda, MD, FPPA	Speaker: Margaret B. Querijero, MD, FPPA
		Spectrum of Psychiatric Illnesses in Filipino International Seafarers Speaker: Raymond L. Rosales, MD, FPPA, FPNA

03:45 PM Break
04:00 PM Research Forum (Ballroom)
06:00 PM Janssen Pharmaceutica Dinner Symposium
08:30 PM Fellowship Night
"PPA Goes to Hollywood" (Multi-Purpose Hall)

30 January 2003 (Thursday)

8:00 AM Registration
8-11:30 AM Sportsfest

8AM-4 PM Elections: Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc.
Philippine Board of Psychiatry, Inc.
(Ballroom Lobby)
Officer of the Day: Romel T. Papa, MD

12:00 NN Abbott Laboratories Lunch Symposium (Ballroom)
"Revisiting Bipolar Disorders"
Speaker: Antonio C. Sison, MD, FPPA

02:00 PM Current Issues in Forensic Psychiatry
Psychological Incapacity: Revisited
Chairperson: Georgina Gozo-Oliver, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
Speakers: Atty. Minerva Ambrocio-Macasbac
Ruby de Guzman Manalastas, MD, DPBP

03:15 PM Current Issues in Transcultural Psychiatry
Chairperson: Sonia Castro-Rodriguez, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
Ma. Luz Casimiro-Querubin, MD, FPPA
Speakers: Michael L. Tan, PhD
Mary Antoinette Morales-Reinoso, MD, DPBP

04:30 PM Break

Business Meetings (Training Center)
04:45 PM Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc.
06:45 PM Philippine Board of Psychiatry, Inc

07:30 PM Induction of Fellows, Regular and Associate Members of the Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc. (Ballroom)

AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals Dinner Symposium

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Chairperson: Vicente G. Rosales, Jr., MD, FPPA, FPNA
Speaker: Bernardo L. Conde, MD, FPPA, FPNA

10:00 AM Break

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Reactor: Gabino V. Rañoa, Jr., MD, FPPA

11:30 AM Pfizer Lunch Symposium
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Sonia C. Rodriguez, MD, FPPA

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03:30 PM Break

03:45 PM Current Issues in Psychiatric Practice
Malpractice Suit: Implications in the Practice of Psychiatry (Ballroom)
Chairperson: Ma. Luz Casimiro-Querubin, MD, FPPA
Speakers: Atty. Teresita R. Sanchez, MD
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05:15 PM Induction of the Officers of the Asian Union Against Depression, Philippine Chapter

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Depression in Doctors
Speaker: Dante H. Abcede, MD, FPPA
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US: Find of chem'l warheads 'serious'

BAGHDAD/WASHINGTON—President Saddam Hussein sought to stiffen Iraqis' resolve for a new conflict on the 12th anniversary of the 1991 Gulf War as the White House called a UN find of empty chemical warheads in Iraq "serious."

Saddam said he had mobilized his Army and drawn up a plan to rout US troops at Baghdad's gates if the tens of thousands of soldiers, planes and ships massing in the Gulf launched an invasion.

The president's speech, urging Iraqis to be alert for a US strike, came a day after UN weapons inspectors said they found empty rocket warheads designed to carry chemical warfare agents.

The White House called the discovery of the undeclared warheads "troubling and serious" and clear evidence Saddam was not disarming as required in November under a tough UN resolution.

UN weapons chief Hans Blix took a softer line, saying the find was no "smoking gun," or key evidence that could trigger a US-led invasion. "This discovery is interesting. . . . But it's not something that's so important because we're talking about empty warheads," he told a news conference in Paris.

No other nation, including Washington's close ally, Britain, was jumping to conclusions on the seriousness of the discovery, with UN Security Council members saying they would wait for inspectors to report to the 15-member body, probably next week.

Several members said the finding showed the inspections were working. In Canada, Defense Minister John McCallum said while it was too early to judge the outcome, the inspectors were working in a "fairly aggressive way." Iraq says the warheads were obsolete stock that had been forgotten. Saddam made no mention of the discovery in his speech that marked the anniversary of the start of the Gulf War that drove Iraqi troops out of Kuwait.

"Baghdad, its people and leadership, is determined to force the Mongols of our age to commit suicide at its gates," he said, referring to the Mongol armies that sacked Baghdad, then a center of learning, in 1258.

As the United States built up its forces in the Gulf, French President Jacques Chirac said any unilateral action against Iraq would break international law. He said it was up to the Security Council to decide on the inspectors' Jan. 27 progress report. Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the UN's nuclear watchdog, said the inspectors needed more time to assess whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

But US Secretary of State Colin Powell told a German daily that Washington believed that by the end of January there would be "a persuasive case" Iraq was not cooperating with the inspectors.

Many countries believed another UN resolution was needed to justify a war against Iraq, he said. "But we have always made clear that the US will act without a second resolution if we are of the firm opinion that Iraq still has weapons of mass destruction or wants to produce new ones," he told Sueddeutsche Zeitung in an interview issued before publication on Saturday.

"If you are looking for proof of weapons of mass destruction, I can show you pictures," Powell added, according to a Reuters retranslation of a German text of the interview.

World oil prices hit two-year highs with crude futures in New York briefly touching $34 a barrel as Powell's forecast deepened fears of a war in Iraq—the world's eighth-biggest oil exporter.

Global oil markets face the largest shortfall in history if a war erupts while supplies also remain curtailed from Venezuela due to a crippling strike in that major exporter, Goldman Sachs analyst Steve Strongin said. *Reuters*

Arab officials dismiss talks Saddam would leave

DUBAI—Arab officials dismissed on Friday the idea that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein might step down and go into exile to avert a US-led war on his country, saying there was no such proposal.

The officials and Iraq observers said considering Saddam's intimidating persona no Arab official or even people from his inner circle would consider presenting such an idea to the man who has ruled Iraq with an iron fist for more than two decades.

"Those who recently saw Saddam say the idea of exile is not something that would even cross his mind," said Iraq expert Khairallah Khairallah.

One senior Arab official told Reuters: "Until now nobody has proposed to President Saddam anything or talked to him about exile or resignation."

"All these reports are wishful thinking and aimed at local consumption. Saddam will not step down," a Gulf official added.

The officials said speculation in the media and in diplomatic circles was part of a US-led campaign of psychological warfare to undermine Saddam's will to fight and encourage a coup against him.

They said Arab leaders familiar with the Iraqi leader's personality were unlikely to make such a bold suggestion.

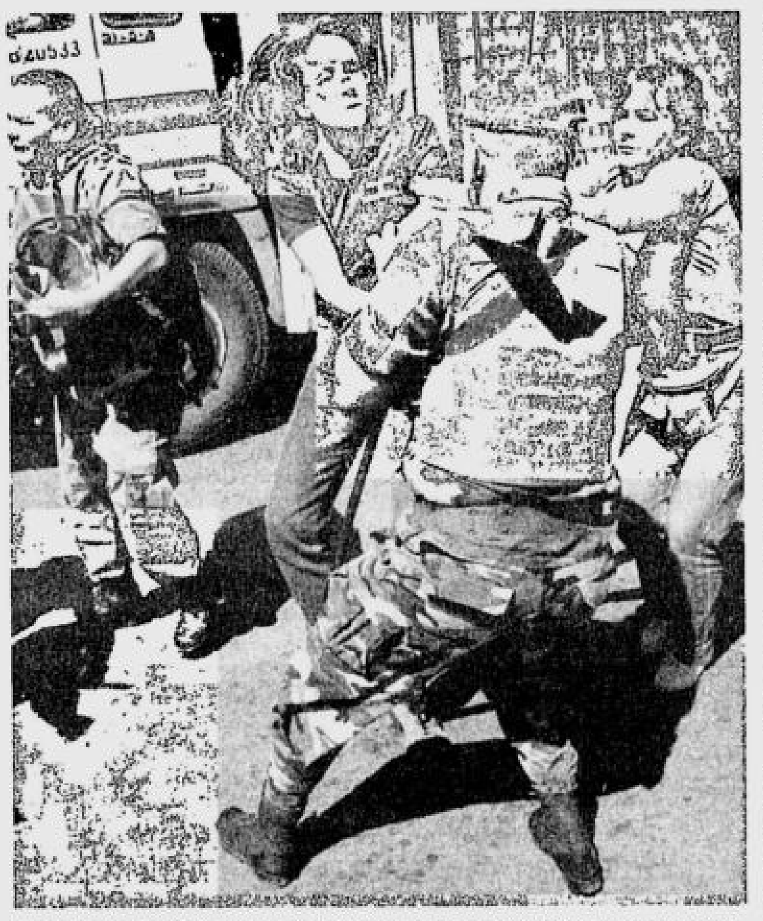
"Rumors have been floated that Arab leaders are pressing Saddam Hussein to quit and seek asylum overseas. In view of Saddam's character and record, this is a wholly unrealistic scenario," Middle East analyst Patrick Seale said.

"They are trying to provoke the Iraqi leadership to anger, and perhaps goad it into an impulsive act of hostility by a campaign of psychological warfare," he said in a commentary published in Dubai's Gulf News daily this week.

Long-time observers of the Baghdad government say not even high-ranking members of Saddam's entourage have the courage to present him with such a proposal.

"I don't believe that any Arab envoy can deliver such a message to Saddam given his character and conflictive ties with his neighbors but maybe a non-Arab could be able to do it when the time comes," said Khairallah. *Reuters*

Venezuela troops seize Coke, beer plants


TWO women fight with national guard troops in front of a Coca-Cola plant in Valencia, 80 km east of Caracas, Jan. 17. REUTERS

CARACAS—Venezuelan troops seized beer and soft drink plants belonging to backers of a bitter 47-day strike as President Hugo Chavez announced Friday a crackdown on opposition media.

The former paratrooper veered toward direct confrontation with opposition leaders seeking to drive him from power.

And he warned international mediators seeking to broker a peaceful end to the bitter strike that they must first accept his leadership.

"They must begin by recognizing a legitimate government, that there is a democratic government that I head, elected by a free people," Chavez said during his annual address before the legislature.

The offer by six countries to mediate between Chavez and opposition leaders had buoyed hopes of ending the strike that has severely curtailed the flow of crude from the world's fifth-largest oil exporter.

The "Group of Friends of Venezuela," which includes the United States, was formed at the invitation of Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, whom Chavez said he would meet in Brasilia Saturday, not Friday as planned earlier.

Troops seized the country's largest brewery and a US-owned Coca-Cola bottling plant while the government announced a crackdown on the country's communications media—all property of strike backers.

Chavez warned international mediators against meddling.

"If any country or group of countries, in giving their take on the situation, tries to legitimize that bunch of subversives, fascists and terrorists . . . that kind of help we do not need," Chavez said.

US ambassador Charles Shapiro told Venevision he was "concerned and disappointed" at the move at the Coca-Cola plant in Valencia.

Organization of American States General Secretary Cesar Gaviria said that he would suspend his efforts at brokering talks because of the heightened tensions in the wake of Friday's seizures.

Gaviria has been attempting to bring the two sides together since Chavez was briefly ousted in an April coup.

Chavez said the government was preparing legal action against two television channels he accused of taking part in plotting "a coup." The authorities did not name the channels. *AFP*

Akihito undergoes surgery

TOKYO—Doctors performed surgery to remove Japanese Emperor Akihito's cancerous prostate gland on Saturday, officials said, with the results expected to be announced later in the day.

"His Majesty left an operating room at 2:05 p.m. after the surgery was completed," an imperial household agency official said.

"We have not received any information about the outcome, but the doctors will hold a news conference this evening to explain the process of the operation and the condition of his Majesty."

The 69-year-old emperor, who ascended the Chrysanthemum throne, the world's oldest royal dynasty, in 1989, was admitted to the University of Tokyo Hospital on Thursday for the operation.

It was the first time a Japanese emperor had undergone surgery outside the hospital of the imperial household.

The emperor was put under general anaesthetic for the operation to remove the entire prostate gland, officials said.

Empress Michiko and Princess Sayako, who spent Friday night with the emperor, were waiting for the outcome in the hospital's special room, officials said. *AFP*

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Russian envoy tries hand at defusing nuke crisis

SEOUL—Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov on Saturday began talks with North Korean counterpart Kang Sok-Ju in Pyongyang to find ways to defuse the nuclear crisis, a news agency report said.

The Russian news agency ITAR-TASS said the special envoy of Russian President Vladimir Putin met with Kang immediately after arriving in the capital of the Stalinist state.

During his stay until Tuesday morning, Losyukov will meet with the North's supreme leader Kim Jong-il, ITAR-TASS said.

He will also hold talks with the president of the presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly or parliament, Kim Yong-Nam, who is number two in the North's official hierarchy.

Losyukov will also hold talks with Vice Prime Minister Jo Cang-Dok and the president of the Supreme People's Assembly or parliament, Choe Thae-Bok, it said.

Earlier, North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) confirmed the arrival of Losyukov.

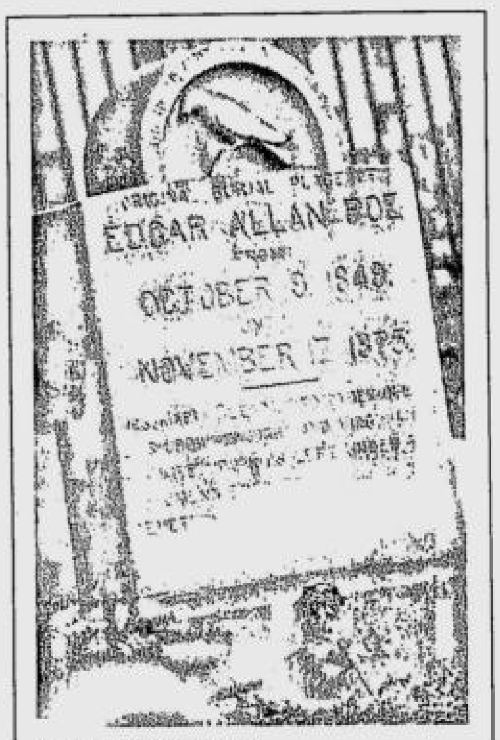
"They were met at the airport by Kung Sok Ung, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and other officials concerned, Andrei Gennadievich Karlov, Russian Ambassador to the DPRK (North Korea), and staff members of the embassy," KCNA said.

Losyukov is expected to present the North with a "package plan" put forward by Moscow to resolve the nuclear standoff with the United States.

On a brief stopover in Beijing before coming to North Korea, Losyukov stressed that "quiet diplomacy" must be given a chance to work.

Losyukov and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Yang Wenchang agreed to call for calm and restraint and to "continue seeking a peaceful solution through dialogue under the current complicated situation," said China's official Xinhua news agency.

China and Russia are North Korea's closest allies and are considered perhaps the only countries with any influence over the hermetic state. *AFP*



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A lone rose rests against a marker at the original burial place of Edgar Allan Poe in Baltimore Dec. 29, 2002. A mysterious visitor is expected to leave three red roses and a bottle of cognac in the old graveyard during the wee hours of Jan. 19 on the famous writer's birthday, as the visitor has every year since 1949, a century after Poe's death.

Singaporean prankster draws 4-year jail term

SINGAPORE—A Singaporean man who sent letters laced with powdered coffee creamer to Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and the transport minister has been sentenced to four years in jail, a report said Saturday.

Hui Man, 31, wrote the word "Die!" in the letters sent in October to the deputy premier and to Transport Minister Lee Yock Suan, the Straits Times said.

The letters were laced with white powdered coffee creamer, making them appear as anthrax spores.

Hui, a personnel manager at a Singapore firm, was sentenced under a newly passed antiterrorism law to help the city-state deal with terrorist threats.

His lawyer had argued that Hui did not intend to harm the ministers and that he was having marital and financial problems, the report said.

The lawyer also used the words "stupid" and "foolish" several times to describe his client.

But senior district judge Richard Magnus said he had to hand down the stiff sentence to deter others from making similar pranks.

Magnus also said that by sending threatening letters to two top officials, Hui had "struck against a fundamental institution," the report said.

On Friday, Singapore's Home Affairs Minister Wong Kan Seng issued a stern warning to pranksters amid a sharp rise in bomb hoaxes and lingering fears of a terrorist strike.

Wong told officers and employees of his ministry that they must remain alert despite the successful roundup of alleged Islamic militants accused of plotting attacks on US and other targets.

"Bomb hoaxes and other security-related offences are another area of concern, increasing 56 percent from the 36 cases reported in 2001 to the 56 cases reported in 2002," Wong said.

"The Police takes a strong view of this and will not hesitate to mete out very heavy penalties against such mischief makers," said Wong, who oversees the police, civil defense forces and other agencies. *AFP*

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US pilot in mistake Afghan bombing ordered to hold fire

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, Louisiana—An American pilot who mistakenly bombed Canadian troops in Afghanistan last year, killing four of them, was under orders to hold fire when he dropped the bomb, a fellow airman testified Friday.

However, Maj. John Milton also said "hold fire" orders do not apply when pilots believe they are under attack.

Milton spoke at a hearing to determine whether two members of his Illinois National Guard squadron should be court-martialed. Majors Harry Schmidt and William Umbach are charged with involuntary manslaughter and could face up to 64 years in a military prison if convicted.

An audio and videotape of the accident, taken from Schmidt's F-16, has been a key piece of evidence during the hearing and it was played again Friday.

On it, a flight controller is heard saying "hold fire" after Schmidt requests permission to fire his 20 mm cannons. Schmidt had spotted ground fire and thought Umbach was under attack.

Milton said the order meant Schmidt must refrain from attacking.

But just four seconds later, Schmidt said he was "rolling in" to drop the guided bomb and he did so 39 seconds after the "hold fire" order. Besides killing the four soldiers, the blast wounded eight other Canadians who had been performing anti-tank exercises with live ammunition.

Survivors testified earlier they were not firing into the air at the time. Defense lawyers have suggested the pilots thought they were under fire from enemy forces.

Under cross-examination, Milton indicated that a hold-fire order does not apply when a pilot believes he is under attack. Schmidt can also be heard on the recordings citing self defense at the same time he said he was "rolling in."

Milton, who has flown similar F-16 missions over Afghan combat zones, was not involved in the Apr. 17 bombing. He was called as a government witness to explain, as a pilot, how he understood the events leading up to the bombing.

The defense has suggested that a breakdown in military communications kept the pilots from knowing there were allied troops in the area that night. *AP*

Indonesia advises citizens to avoid travel to America

JAKARTA, Indonesia—Indonesia on Friday advised its citizens to defer non-essential travel to the United States, to "avoid unwanted difficulties" from a new requirement that men from Indonesia and other predominantly Muslim countries register with immigration authorities.

Foreign Minister Hassan Wirayuda said he discussed Jakarta's concerns with visiting US Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly at a meeting in Jakarta. The talks were also attended by Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri.

Kelly did not comment on Wirayuda's comments as he left the meeting.

Indonesian males over the age of 16 visiting the United States must now register with the US Immigration and Naturalization Service, where they will have their photos and fingerprints taken and documents examined, US officials said Thursday.

Bangladesh, Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait were also added to the 25-country list this week. The rules are part of post Sept. 11 security measures designed to identify potential terrorists entering the United States.

"While the Indonesian government is studying the implementation of the policy of the government of America . . . Indonesian citizens are advised to postpone non-essential travel to the United States," Wirayuda told reporters.

He said the Jakarta had made the decision to "avoid unwanted difficulties." He did not elaborate.

On Thursday, Bangladesh also protested the new rules, which only apply to temporary visitors to the United States. US citizens, diplomats, refugees or permanent resident aliens—those holding "green cards"—are not affected by the regulations.

Earlier, Indonesian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Marty Natalegawa said the regulations were "arbitrary, hard to understand and unacceptable."

The rules are likely to affect thousands of Indonesians who travel to the United States every year to study, do business, seek medical treatment or just visit relatives.

Long-term visitors from Indonesian, Bangladesh, Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait who are already in the United States, must register with immigration authorities between Feb. 24 and March 28. *AP*

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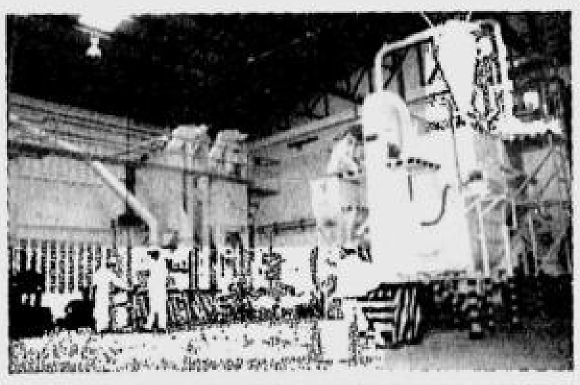

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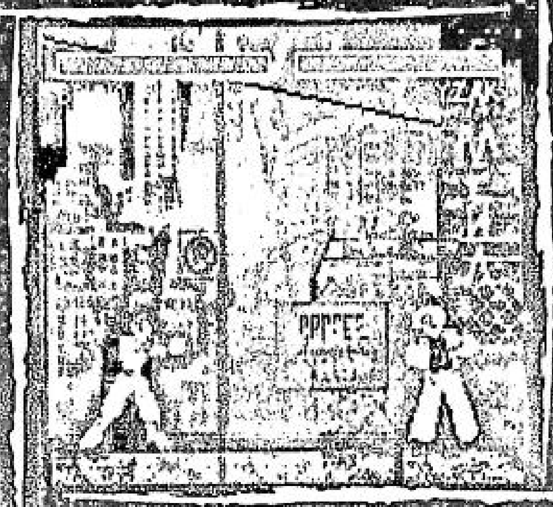
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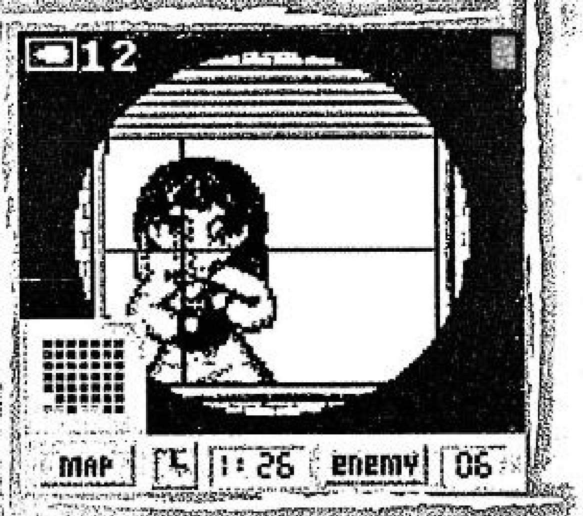
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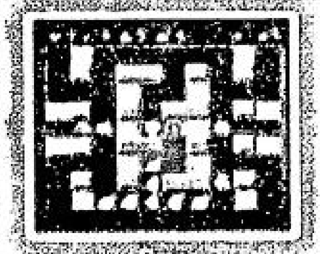
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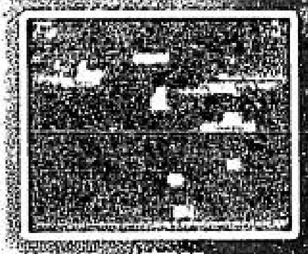
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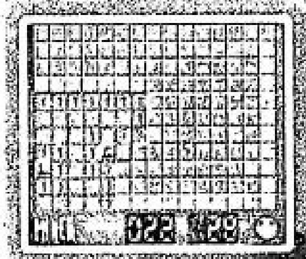
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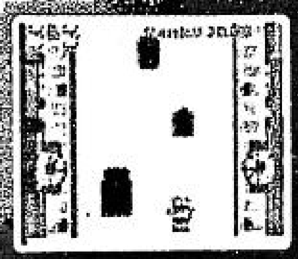
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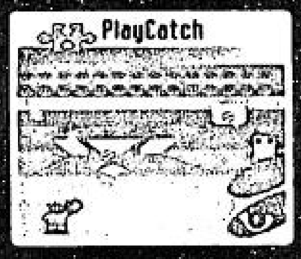
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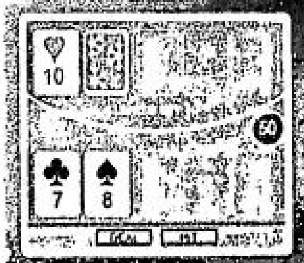
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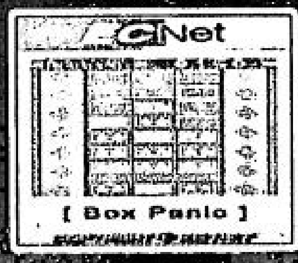
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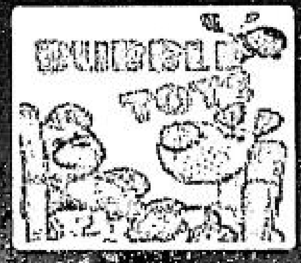
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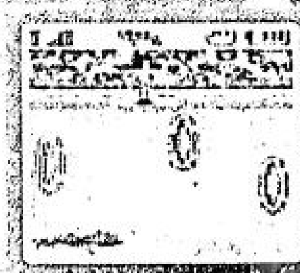
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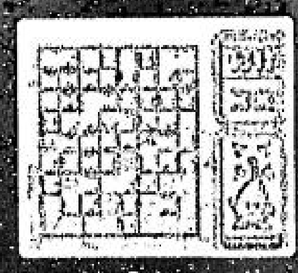
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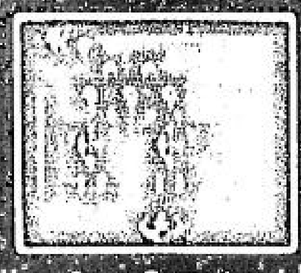
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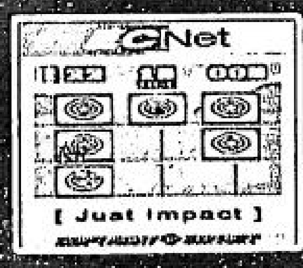
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Groups intensify protests vs mining firm

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PDI Mindanao Bureau

TAMPAKAN, South Cotabato—Various groups here, including those from indigenous communities, have vowed to step up their protest actions against a local mining firm, which obtained an exploration and mining rights to a vast tract of land found within the ancestral domain of B'laan natives in the boundary of Sultan Kudarat, South Cotabato and Davao del Sur provinces.

The protesters urged the government to scrap the 1995 Mining Act and cancel all existing Financial Technical Assistance Agreements (FTAAs) granted to foreign mining firms.

They also wanted the government to formulate a nationalistic mining policy that would not just benefit the people, but protect the environment and the indigenous residents in the affected area.

The groups lambasted the government for allegedly conniving with multinational companies in exploiting the natural resources of the country at the expense of environment and the people.

Bernard Cael, chair of the Tampakan Peoples Crusade for Environmental Protection (Tapcep), said the Tampakan Mining Resource Corp. (TMRC) is but a dummy for Australian mining firm, Western Mining Corp.

WMC was the original grantee of an FTAA to explore the hinterlands of South Cotabato, Davao del Sur and Sultan Kudarat. It called its exploration the Mindanao Project.

After at least 17 drilling activities, WMC announced the discovery of world-class mineral deposits consisting of 7.8 million metric tons of copper and 6.7 billion ounces of gold.

The foreign mining company, since its arrival in 1987, had poured in almost $30 million into the project, representing nearly one third of its total expenditure on project development.

The Mindanao project is one of the largest developments the company has ever undertaken outside of Australia.

Left-wing activists, church, farmers, tribal and ecology groups strongly opposed the presence of the WMC in Tampakan citing its possible adverse impacts on the environment and affected local communities.

Indigenous people in the exploration site accused the company of polluting rivers, killing fish and damaging their farms.

There were reports that some tribal residents in the area suffered skin rashes and other ailments.

The accusations, however, were denied by the WMC. Tony Robbins, former WMC official and now one of the TMRC directors, said that WMC planted about one million trees in the area during its operation.

But in February 2000, WMC, bugged by constant protest actions from several advocacy groups opposed to mining, announced its intention to withdraw.

The multinational company's top management cited several reasons, among others, a legal petition lodged before the court challenging the validity of the 1995 Mining Act, including the firm's FTAA.

WMC then sold its FTAA to the Tampakan Group of Companies (TGC).

TGC is composed of Tampakan Mining Corp. (TMC), South Cotabato Mines Corp. (SCMC) and Sagittarius Mines.

Sagittarius Mines is 60 percent owned by IndoPhil and the remaining 40 percent is owned by MIM Holdings Ltd., one of the largest mining exploration firms in Australia.

Former DENR secretary Heherson Alvarez sometime last year approved the sale and transfer of WMC's FTAA to TGC, which later became the TMRC.

TMRC is expected to spend P50 to P60 million during its 18-months to three years exploration stage.

During the project's relaunching ceremony, TMRC distributed symbolic checks amounting to about P7 million as community development assistance to five villages and four foundations within the project site.

The five villages, including the four B'laan foundations had issued statements of support to the revival of mining project in the area.

Mining officials said the distribution of cash assistance was a way of honoring the commitment earlier made by the WMC to local communities to provide continuing financial support to community development projects in the area.

Company officials claimed that aside from millions of revenues it would contribute to the government's coffer, the project is expected to provide 3,000 to 4,000 jobs for locals.

Search for 3 Dutchmen continues

By Alex V. Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—Friends and relatives of three Dutch tourists, who have been missing since Dec. 18, are not giving up the search.

They have chartered a plane to fly over the Sulu Sea to search for any sign of life or of the wreckage of the pumpboat, which the missing tourists hired to take them from Siquijor to Apo Island, Negros Oriental.

The Dutch searchers decided to comb the Sulu Sea after weeks of searching in the seas off Apo Island, Siquijor and Negros Oriental for Marcel Wilderom, 33, Jacco Wilderom, 31 and Klaas Bisschop, 48, and their two Filipino boatmen, proved futile.

Bart Koeman, a childhood friend of Wilderom brothers, said they were able to charter a twin-engine Cessna plane from Manila to fly over the seas near Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu and southern Palawan.

With Koeman was his wife Ineki ten Hertog, and Klaas Bisschop's brothers Jacco Roelof.

They will bring with them leaflets with pleas for information on their missing friends and relatives written in Tausug, Chavacano, Tagalog and English.

"We will be throwing these leaflets as we fly over coastal communities in these areas where the lost tourists could have drifted," Koeman said.

The leaflets also stated that the Royal Dutch Embassy would give a P50,000-reward to any person who could provide information that would lead to the recovery of the missing tourists and boatmen.

According to the leaflets, those who have information about the tourists can call their Embassy at telephone 02-8125981 or through its e-mail address at man@minbuza.ni.

Group gains support for new district

WHEN the founders of the "3rd District Movement" first initiated the move to form a group that would support and actively work for the approval of a proposed creation of a separate congressional district for the 14 upland municipalities of Ilocos Sur, they never thought that they would gain widespread public support and approval in so short a time.

The 3rd District Movement, acronym for 3rd District for Ilocos Sur's Tribal and Indigenous Communities Movement, was formed to work for the approval of a proposal to create a new congressional district to be comprised of the 14 upland municipalities of Ilocos Sur. Most of the residents of these towns, which occupy the mountainous southeastern portion of Ilocos Sur, belong to indigenous communities.

The movement aims to inform and educate the people residing in the affected towns about the advantages of a separate congressional district of their own, and enlist their full support for the cause of the movement.

Barely a month after the movement was formally launched on Dec. 14, 2002, resolutions, indorsements, testimonies and personal offers to join and work for the movement have been steadily coming in from concerned residents of the various upland communities. Moreover, the movement has gained support from those residing or working abroad.

Now pending before the provincial board of Ilocos Sur is a resolution field by lawyer Robert Tudayan "requesting the Philippine Congress to approve the conversion of the 14 upland municipalities in the province into a new or 3rd Congressional District of Ilocos Sur."

TOGETHER AGAIN JOAN BONDOC
Seven alleged New People's Army surrenderees from Mindoro were presented to the media in Camp Aguinaldo on Thursday. Pito Bueno a.k.a. Ka Visper and wife Wilma a.k.a. Ka Ila bring along with them their two children. Also presented were Ernesto Cruzat a.k.a. Ka Estoy, Joriel Limbo, a.k.a. Ka Joel and Jayson Capistrano a.k.a. Ka Jerson.

Payumo appeals to Perry, Prieto to settle

By Allan Macatuno
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE—Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Chair Felicito Payumo appealed to the members of the Subic community not to worsen the fight involving an American school official and a resident here.

"I would prefer that both parties settle their dispute amicably," Payumo said. He was referring to Curtis Perry, an American trustee of the Brent International School in Subic, and Eduardo Prieto, father of two children studying at Brent, who engaged in a bar fight here last month.

Calling the issue a "difficult situation," Payumo said: "The protracted case will not be good for either Mr. Perry, Mr. Prieto, the Brent International School or the Subic community."

Perry is facing charges of attempted homicide for beating up Prieto at the parking lot of Vasco's Nautical Pub on Dec. 17 last year.

Prieto filed the charges against Perry on Jan. 13 before the regional trial court in Olongapo City.

Payumo said he was hoping that the issue would be settled soon. "I am reaching out to all parties not to exacerbate the already (difficult) situation," he said.

The incident has also prompted calls for Perry's removal from the Brent School's board of trustees.

A member of Brent's Parents-Teachers Association said the petition, which is circulating within the Subic community, has already gained more than 200 signatures.

Leo Larkin, chair of the school's board of trustees, earlier asked Perry to consider leaving his position once he was proven guilty of the charges filed against him.

He said the board was conducting a separate investigation of the case.

Records of the case showed that Perry and some friends had been at the bar since 6 p.m. on the night of Dec. 17. Perry was with two Americans, FedEx pilots Steven Ouellet and Donald Hill, and Andy Wrightstown, a British.

Perry and Prieto, according to some waiters of Vasco's pub who served as witnesses in the case, had an argument before the scuffle.

The waiters said Perry, an assistant wrestling coach at Brent, invited Prieto out to the parking area of the bar and started hitting him. Wrightstown stepped in to restrain Perry from further beating up the then bloodied Prieto.

Prieto managed to go to the James L. Gordon Memorial Hospital where he was treated. Medical records showed that he suffered wounds in the face and body. He also suffered wounds in his elbows and knees.

In a statement to the police on Dec. 18, Perry blamed Prieto for starting the fight. "(Prieto) first verbally and physically assaulted me and after sustaining several blows from Mr. Prieto, I defended myself until a third party intervened and separated us," Perry said.

He said he suffered scratches and bruises on the knees and elbows.

Perry claimed Prieto was angry about a letter from the Brent board to the latter's wife, a former Brent teacher, telling her that her behavior was "unacceptable." Perry did not elaborate.

Honest guard asked to serve in hometown

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—If she joins the police force, mall security guard Ma. Fe Sotelo can serve in her hometown in Zarraga, Iloilo.

Senior Supt. Juan Mabugat, Iloilo police director, said Sotelo is "very much welcome" in the Iloilo Provincial Police Office where she can serve as a model for the police force.

"If that's the best way to reward her, why not?" said Mabugat reacting to reports that Philippine National Police Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. had ordered the waiving of the height and age requirements to allow Sotelo to join the police force.

Ebdane issued the directive after the 32-year-old security guard gained national recognition for returning a lost bag containing P500,000 in cash belonging to Wang Chao Wei who was part of a group of Chinese businessmen from the Tiangxi region of China having an exhibit of their products at the mall.

Sotelo had wanted to become a policewoman but was prevented from achieving her dream because of the height requirement.

Yolanda Sotelo-Patrivo, Sotelo's older sister, said they are very happy for her sister. "Now, she has a chance to finally achieve her dream."

She said it would be up to Sotelo to decide where she would want to be assigned in case she joined the PNP "but it would be better if she was here with us."

Sotelo found the bag on the floor of the men's comfort room while she was doing her rounds at the Festival Mall around 12:20 a.m. of Jan. 7.

She immediately brought it to the administration office. The bag was later returned to Wang.

For her honesty, Sotelo gained recognition from her hometown and former school.

"We are proud of her," said Lorna Gaton, vice president for academic affairs of the University of Iloilo where Sotelo graduated as an associate of Police Science and Technology.

Gaton said she would discuss with other school officials on plans to formally recognize their former student.

SINULOG'S FLUVIAL PROCESSION

14 rescued in boat mishap off Mactan Channel

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—At least 14 passengers were rescued after their pumpboat capsized in the waters off the Mactan Channel, shortly before the start of the fluvial procession of the Holy Child Jesus yesterday morning.

One passenger was hurt although all were shaken by the incident, which prompted the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) to shorten the route of the procession to the dismay of hundreds of Sto. Niño devotees.

Among them were members of the Catholic Women's League in Lapulapu City who prepared a Sinulog presentation at the Muelle Osmeña Port, in Lapulapu City, Mactan Island, Cebu.

Capt. Bobby Inoferio, the chief of staff of the PCG 201st Squadron, said the procession proceeded directly to Pier I in Cebu City from the Ouano Wharf in Mandaue City.

The original route was longer: From the Ouano Wharf, the procession would pass by Muelle Osmeña Wharf and then to the Pasil Fish Port in Cebu City before docking at Pier 1.

But Inoferio said they wanted to prevent an accident after they noted that there were a number of unregistered pumpboats joining the fluvial procession.

Based on the records, about 70 vessels registered to the PCG for the fluvial procession. But PCG personnel noted that the number of vessels that joined the procession had reached 112.

The two-ton pumpboat Maniz overturned when most of its passengers transferred to the left side after they were hit by the waves.

Elements of the PCG, Navy, Maritime Police and the Emergency Rescue Unit Foundation (Eruf) immediately rescued the passengers and brought them to pumpboat Maricris, which served as a first-aid station.

Among those rescued was Manuel Reyes, owner of the boat. Most of the passengers were either employees or friends of Reyes who also owns Maniz Multi-Craft, which exports fashion accessories.

Among them were Patrick Beltran, 30, manager of the company; Jay Reyes, 35, bookkeeper; Christopher Primros, 20, production worker; James Morales, 25; Darwin Gabuya, Eduardo Rosales and the three drum corps identified as Noel Galbo, 20; Fernando Santillan, 23; and Dodan Lucero, 27; all from Panganiban, Cebu City. Jay Reyes was hurt in the left leg.

Morales said there were 14 passengers on board the pumpboat. But Richard Sison of the Eruf said 23 passengers had been rescued. The boat has a total passenger capacity of 40.

It was the first time for pumpboat Maniz to join the fluvial procession.

Morales said the pumpboat had registered for the procession but Seaman 1st Class Ferdinand Manto of the Cebu Coast Guard said the vessel just joined the fluvial procession without registering to their office.

The fluvial procession, now on its 19th year, reenacts the arrival of the three galleons of Ferdinand Magellan who brought the miraculous image of the Child Jesus in Cebu.

The reenactment follows the ceremonial planting of Magellan's Cross on Magallanes Street in downtown Cebu City and the baptism of Rajah Humabon and Hara Amihan christened Queen Juana at the Basilica del Sto. Niño Pilgrim Center.

In the afternoon, the miraculous image of the Holy Child Jesus was brought to the streets of Cebu City for a solemn procession headed by Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal.

Today, thousands were expected to flock the streets to watch more than 100 contingents participating in the Sinulog Mardi Gras. Among them was the contingent from Parañaque City, which won last year's free interpretation category.

At least 380 *balikbayans* arrived in Cebu on Jan. 16 to join in the Sinulog festivities, which started last Monday and would culminate with the grand parade today.

Dawnie Roa of the Department of Tourism in Central Visayas, said these *balikbayans* arrived on board three separate flights from California, United States.

"There were also those who arrived on their own, those who did not arrange bookings with us," she told the INQUIRER. *With a report from Jolene Bulambot, PDI Visayas Bureau*

GMA gives P2-M debt relief to farmers

NAGA CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo has granted a P2-million debt relief to an irrigators association in Camarines Sur after the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) suspended its operation of the Libmanan-Cabusao Pump Irrigation System (LCPIS).

The debt relief, which President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered allocated from the NIA funds, subsidizes a portion of unpaid irrigation services of the farmers last year, amounting to P3.8 million.

Juan Agapito Tria II, NIA assistant administrator, said agricultural production in Camarines Sur stands to gain from the subsidy, equivalent to some 64,000 bags of palay harvest in May.

"The welfare of the farmers who will suffer from severe economic hardship if NIA does not operate, is paramount (over) the financial losses of the irrigation agency," Tria added.

He said the expected harvest in the first quarter with the operation of the LCPIS would be equivalent to P32 million.

Tria appealed to the members of the irrigators' association to pay their obligations to sustain the operation of the LCPIS that irrigates 800 hectares of land.

The NIA had only collected from the 1,000-member irrigators association P386,000 in irrigation service fees at the end of last year.

But the farmers were complaining that the cause of their difficulties to pay NIA the irrigation service fees was largely due to high production costs and low prices of palay during harvest seasons.

Silvestre Bonto, spokesperson of the Confederation of National Irrigators' Associations, blamed the government for failure to subsidize the farmers' production costs.

Bonto claimed other countries like Vietnam, Thailand and United States continue to subsidize their farmers even with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade enforced.

He said the production subsidy enables foreign rice producers to sell their rice that the Philippine imports at half the price of the local rice.

Bonto said the continuing rice importation even during harvest seasons have driven local rice prices to very low levels.

He said if the government fails to change its agricultural policies towards protectionism, the farmers would continue to lose their capacity to pay obligations like service irrigation fees. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Bet collectors arrested

CABANATUAN CITY—Police arrested 31 bet collectors and employees of a jueteng den in Barangay Baquero on Monday. The suspects were arrested while bets were being reviewed and the bet money being counted. They were charged with violation of the anti-illegal gambling law. The operator of the alleged "kangaroo type" operation of the illegal numbers game in this city was not immediately identified by the police.

Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Drug traders nabbed

SANTIAGO CITY—Police arrested two suspected illegal drug traders during separate raids here and in San Isidro town last week. Senior Insp. Romeo de Guzman, chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group in Isabela, identified the suspects as Aida de Leon and her son Johnny. Seized from their houses in Barangay Mabini here and in Barangay Ramos in San Isidro were four sachets of shabu, illegal drug paraphernalia, P400,000 and bullets.

Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Drug pusher arrested

LOPEZ, Quezon—Police and the military arrested a suspected notorious drug pusher here Monday while in the act of holding pot session with at least six more suspected drug users. Police identified the arrested pusher as one Allan Resuma, a native of this municipality and belongs to the police list of local big-time illegal drug suppliers. The raiding team also seized several plastic sachets with an undetermined quantity of white crystals believed to be shabu, several marijuana joints and shabu-sniffing paraphernalia.

Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Tabloid vendors nabbed

LUCENA CITY—Police arrested two vendors of pornographic reading materials while in the act of selling their wares in front of the public market here Monday. The sidewalks vendors were identified as Yolanda Custodio and Carolina Tolentino, both residents of this city. The arresting team led by PO2 Anna Paral also confiscated several tabloids and magazines containing "obscene" pictures and stories.

Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

5 held for drugs

DAVAO CITY—Elements of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) here have arrested five persons for illegal drugs this week. On Monday, policemen led by Chief Insp. Wilkins Villanueva, PDEA regional chief, arrested three men during a buy-bust operation inside a local inn on Monteverde Street here. Arrested were Robert Lim, Al Rey Roque and Arnold Solesa. SPO2 Baltazar Carillo of the PDEA's operation division said Lim had been a subject of surveillance for selling methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu to rich clients. On Friday, police arrested Frederick Rabina and his live-in partner Minosa Musa, both suspected of selling the illegal drugs.

Dennis Jay Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Tricycles convert to 4-stroke engines

SAN FERNANDO CITY—Tricycle operators in this city have been voluntarily converting to four-stroke engines well before compliance to the Clean Air Act picked up pace in Metro Manila and other parts of the country.

"Of the 1,600 tricycles in the city, 458 were four-stroke as of 2001. Now, 678 of our tricycles are four-stroke and the number is rising," Mayor Mary Jane Ortega said.

Because of the environmental hazard of two-stroke engines, the city had also stopped issuing new franchises to tricycles with two-stroke engines since 2001.

This move was patterned after the experience of Bangkok, where two-strokes had been completely banned, Ortega said.

The city government has used other schemes:

- A moratorium on new tricycle franchises since 1998 and non-renewal of permits for 1970 model two-stroke tricycles
- Constant dialogues with tricycle operators and members of drivers' cooperatives to educate them about the benefits of four-stroke engines and encourage their voluntary compliance without the benefit of a city ordinance
- The programming of motor conversion with priority given to older and therefore least fuel-efficient models of vehicles and
- The extension of loans to tricycle drivers and operators to enable them to convert their vehicles.

"I tell them (tricycle drivers) that this is for them. I seldom ride the tricycle. It is they who are in the streets everyday, who tail other tricycles, and are exposed to the fumes. It is they who could easily get sick if the streets are polluted due to inefficient engines," Ortega said.

"We classified the tricycles into 1970s, 1980s and 1990s models. We learned that of our 1,142 two-strokes, 79 were still 1970-1979 models. That group became our priority. After a year's time, only two in that group have not complied with our motor conversion notice," Ramon Ortega, the mayor's executive assistant, said.

Melchor Galvez, city transportation and registration officer, said the two who have not complied informed him that they would convert their engines in February (after the Jan. 20 deadline), when funds are available to them.

He said the city government is now targeting the more than 100 1980-1984 models.

In Silang, Cavite, Mayor Ruben Maglangsakay made a decisive step to solve the garbage problem in the town immediately, having been castigated several times by the Department of Environment of Natural Resources last year for the garbage problem.

This town will burn its garbage despite the Clean Air Act, a law that prohibits the use of incinerator in disposing waste.

"We have no other option," Maglangsakay said in defense of his administration's decision.

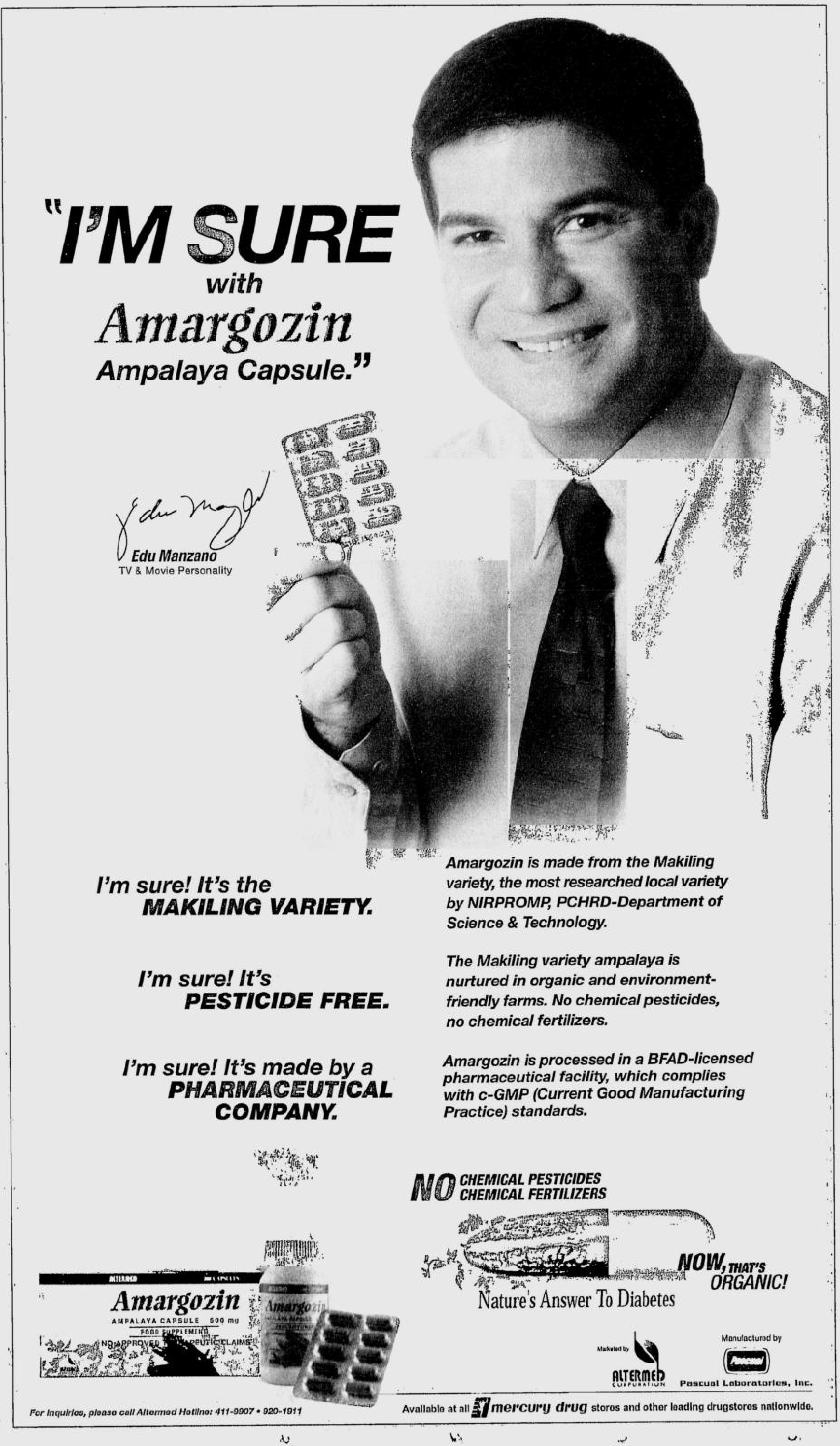
A huge volume of garbage is collected in this town and they have no place to dump them, the mayor said.

Sources said Maglangsakay, "taking the horns of lesser evil, ordered the burning of garbage, though he knows that it could be harmful to the community's health."

Maglangsakay said the wastes are segregated first and that he personally monitors the burning during Saturdays and Sundays.

"People can question it but there are also people who are doing it because there is no other alternative," he said. He, however, welcomes anyone who could give a better option.

Maglangsakay further defended his decision saying that although the use of incinerators is prohibited, the "government is not strict in imposing it because it cannot offer other options." *Gia Damaso-Dumo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Fausto Tatad, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



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THE RELIGIOUS of the Good Shepherd maintains a 23-hectare farm in San Luis, Agusan del Sur that uses indigenous ways of farming for the lumad community.

RYAN LIM

Nuns maintain farm to heal the earth

By Ma. Kristina E. Cassion
San Luis, Agusan del Sur

THE WIND was clearing out the fog, opening like curtains to allow the trickle of sunlight for everyone to behold the bright splashes of nature's color spread in all its luxury in this 23-hectare agricultural lot owned by the Religious of the Good Shepherd (RGS) in Barangay Nuevo Trabajo here.

The farm, called the *Tuburan* (source) Ecology and Spirituality Farm, hosts planted vegetables, cereal crops such as the indigenous rice varieties of karawe and remilitis and different kinds of root crops.

It also showcases fruit-bearing plants and trees like pineapple, citrus, jackfruit, watermelon, marang, durian, mangosteen, tamarind and lanzones.

The farm has also ventured into livestock production.

Jubilee's thrust

As part of a bigger Christian family, the RGS sisters responded to the challenge of the Jubilee thrust to restore the earth, recall the deaths and reclaim the slaves.

Spending almost all of their ministry with the lumad, they were particularly challenged by the ecological orientation of the Jubilee call, especially in the war-torn ancestral land of the Banwaon, Manobo and Talaandig peoples.

With this challenge, the sisters brought the land in 1997 from the late Domingo Apat who did not want his land to be sold to any palm oil companies.

At that time, two palm oil companies were eyeing Apat's property for their palm oil nursery and factory. Apat refused and instead sold it to the sisters.

Sister Mary John Dumaog, the farm supervisor, shares that among the different areas they surveyed for their farm, they chose Apat's land to prevent the entry of the interested palm oil companies.

"The entry of the palm oil companies into the area will bring to the Banwaon-Manobo peoples the same problem and hardships suffered by the Manobos of Rosario and Trento towns," Sr. John said.

She added the RGS' 23 years of experience with the Banwaon and Manobo people taught them that the lumad were going to resist the entry of the companies anyway.

"In buying the land, the RGS sisters have made a stand that land should be developed and not destroyed, which would have been the effect of the entry of those palm oil plantations," Sr. John continued.

The *Tuburan* farm has adapted an integrated farming system or bio-diversified farming, a method of farming closest to indigenous ways. Half of it is indigenous farming practice and half uses lowland farming.

Farming techniques

"In our years of experience with the lumad farmers, this is the only method that they have responded to with sustained interest, enthusiasm and action," Sr. John said.

Through the system, lumad farmers could plant hardwood and fruit-bearing trees while they continue planting the usual root crops.

The farm also makes use of composting and the Slope Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) method. Their experience has taught farm personnel the value of composting since compost soil has been found to be very useful in the nursery as well as in the cultivation of cereals, trees and vegetables.

On the other hand, the SALT method is used to prevent soil erosion and preserve land fertility. Farm personnel make use of Madre de Cacao and Flemengia for contouring.

Demo farm for lumads

The development of the Tuburan farm aims to be a model of an ecologically-sound and food-sufficient farming system, which their lumad neighbors could easily identify with.

The farm has also generated seeds and seedlings for neighboring farmers to help them have a steady supply of food.

Not only that, it also provides opportunities for spiritual development and counseling.

Everyday, the lumad youth take turn in doing their tasks. In this way, they acquire skills and at the same time do away with the bad influence of drugs and alcoholic drinks.

One of the pioneers of the RGS-Tribal Filipino Ministry (TFM) in San Luis town, Sr. John said she was struck by the fact that the lumad have the land but no food.

"The right to till precedes the right to own," Sr. John emphasized, adding the lumad have vast tracks of land but which were converted by big companies into logging concessions and tree plantations with the consent of the government.

Braving stormy weathers

The *Tuburan* farm also has its share of "stormy weathers."

The military have branded the farm personnel as supporters of the New People's Army (NPA).

Former 402nd Brigade spokesperson Col. Francisco Simbajon has publicly accused the demo farm of feeding the NPA and Sr. John Dumaog as the brains of the communist movement.

Despite this, the RGS sisters and their farm personnel unwaveringly continued with their mission.

Since the acquisition of the land, the farm has steadily been transformed from a neglected area with only Falcatta trees and cogon grass existing, into a productive farm that follows an integrated farming system model.

At the farm, there seems to be a never-ending construction work. In the early farm days, there stood only an open shed that served all the activities. Now, there is a farmhouse for the staff, farm tools and the kitchen, an indigenous open-house for resting and big group consultations and meetings, a prayer house for contemplation, and different sheds for the livestock.

Aside from these houses, the farm uses hand pump for safe drinking water and a dugout spring aided by a generator.

"Looking back, I could not believe we have reached this far amidst the persecutions we have suffered," Sr. John said.

Realization

With the success of the farm, the RGS sisters have realized that the lumad will attain their potentials if their needs are given appropriate response.

Any method that respects and incorporates their cultural ways and practices is most acceptable to the lumad.

The nuns also realized that the lumad are open to other ways of improving their quality of life when their own indigenous wisdom and ways are considered as basis of the development processes.

In effect, the RGS sisters are moving closer to the full realization of their aim to have a farm that promotes the integrity of all creation and answers the challenges of the Jubilee thrust to restore and heal the earth.

Saving half a million Filipinos from going blind

By Edwin O. Fernandez
Cotabato City

DR. KADIL Sinolinding Jr. together with another doctor performs a cataract operation in Cotabato City.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

LET'S save our countrymen from going blind."

An ophthalmologist in Cotabato City, who has initiated several free eye operations for indigents in many parts of Mindanao, has raised this urgent call for the government and non-government organizations to join hands in fighting the blinding of many Filipinos.

Late last year, the country quietly celebrated the World Sight Day. Days before that, the country celebrated, also quietly, the Senior Citizens Week.

For Kadil Jojo Sinolinding Jr., MD, there is a need for a pro-active stance to rescue and give tribute to the country's elders, whom he said have led active lives and were once considered the backbone of the nation.

"This is the day of reckoning; our parents were once like us members of the younger generation that at the end of the script, lost its glory (in terms of) economic and physical development," Sinolinding of the Polymedic Eye Care Network, Kabacan Polymedic Cooperative Hospital, said.

The country has about half a million blind people who complain of inaccessibility to basic eye health services they need.

"Do our old folks deserve these? Or have we got something better for them as they wade in the twilight zone?" he said.

A decade ago, the government, through the Department of Health, launched a comprehensive eye program for all people, targeting about 700,000 blind Filipinos in the country. From a prevalence rate of 1.07 percent, it was trimmed down to about six percent in more than 10 years of intensive campaign to eradicate the most common cause of blinding disorder, the cataract, which is responsible for the half-a-million blind Filipinos.

Least priority

Sinolinding observed that the eye care program of the government appears to be included in the least prioritized projects.

With the initial aggressive campaign of the health department to help the blind, the Prevention of Blindness Program (now called the Visual Health Program) is facing a similar fate as other non-prioritized health programs—on the verge of natural death—though no one would readily admit that.

Many organizations are doing voluntary work on eye care, and people sharing their wealth, time, and efforts for the sake of others, thus alleviating the inability of the government to handle the task.

Without them, many will suffer from unnecessary temporary blindness, the eye specialist said.

Sinolinding recalled that since 1992, thousands of surgeries have been done annually but this was not enough to trim even the tip of the present cataract backlog, the number of still untreated eyes with cataract. Balancing both the incidence rate and our cataract surgical rate, we are losing the battle against avoidable blindness, he said.

The right to sight

What happened to the health program that asserts the need of the blind people to enjoy a basic right, the right to sight?

Despite past efforts by NGOs, half a million blind people are still crowding the surgical waitlist as the list gets longer every hour.

Would our legislators, mayors, and even the President walk across the street with their eyes shut or "simply hear your voice cursing a brief electrical brownout, then the need to see may come as a priority in your health list?" Sinolinding asked.

While the implementers of the health department are young and visually gifted, they failed to realize they have caused more despair and sown hopelessness among the blind by neglecting visual health on the priority list, according to Sinolinding.

"Why? Do the old people and persons with disability deserve lesser attention? Or we instead are blind to acknowledge the contribution they can make if we help them come back to the mainstream, to be functional and productive again?" he asked.

He shared what he called factors that make people go blind unnecessarily.

Cost of surgery is generally prohibitive among the poor people. (In Manila, cataract surgery in private hospitals costs 9 times a common workers month pay).

- Mal-distribution of eye surgeons. Most ophthalmologists are in big cities. Some provinces do not have even one.
- Inadequate hospital facilities to host cataract and other eye surgeries.
- Ignorance and false beliefs on the part of the patient about eye surgery and bad results of previous surgeries by eye surgeons.
- Failure of some eye surgeons to render charity work for the poor and deserving blind people.
- Lack of patient's confidence among local eye doctors.
- Incompetence of the Health Department to come up with a realistic program to address the blindness problem of the country.

Sinolinding said a lot of things can be done as a nation, as a patient, as an eye specialist, and as an office mandated to take care of the health of the people.

He said the Health Department, though it may be true that each new Secretary brings in favored health programs, must revive and promote those that affect the life of the people and the community directly.

"Often, we are guilty of our 'ningas cogon' mentality," he lamented.

Last year Sinolinding and other eye specialists launched the VISION 2020: The Right to Sight. It received commitments of support from various sectors and still promises are to be seen.

"Every August is the Sight Saving month but we do not see any realization of the promises our leaders made. Every August, the list of blind patients gets longer. We cannot say to the blind: 'Wait next year until the next leader makes a promise for your vision," he said.

According to Sinolinding, by treating the blind, aside from restoring his visual senses, a patient is helped rebuild his self worth, make the patient socio-economically confident and eradicate the perceived social stigma of being an eyesore or a social burden.

"In return, we help our country by reducing the number of liabilities. Although to be old and be sickly is the ultimate path in life, there are many ways to face and live life more comfortably," he said.

The program may mean infusion of funds in the midst of financial tightrope but just the same the government is spending millions for unclear programs, according to the eye surgeon.

"For sure, the P450 million wasted on the (Diosdado) Macapagal highway is (big) enough to treat 450,000 blind people. A significant political number for 2004," he stressed.

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VAT why? Cutting up the proposed additional vat signifies the protest of members of the Concerned Artists of the Philippines, doctors and other professionals during a press conference on Saturday in Quezon City. JOAN BONDOC

Anti-war fever rages worldwide

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author Ron Kovic.

In San Francisco, protesters assembled at the foot of Market Street at Embarcadero and marched to the Civic Center Plaza adjacent to the City Hall.

Tony Murphy, spokesperson for the international coalition Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (Answer), earlier told the in Washington: "We are starting a movement to stop the war from taking place. The march is a good way to celebrate the birth anniversary of Martin Luther King this month, in a spirit of peace. We believe it's not too late to stop the war."

Murphy said solidarity demonstrations were also being organized in other countries such as the Philippines, Egypt, Bahrain, Pakistan, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Argentina, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Canada, Italy, Spain, France, Belgium, Australia, Indonesia, England, Germany, Austria, and Russia.

Pinoy's swift response

In the District of Columbia and the neighboring states of Virginia and Maryland, many Filipino Americans responded swiftly to an e-mail from Jon Melegrito, national publicity director of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations.

"Before the US goes to war against Iraq, it's important to exhaust all possible diplomatic measures," said Filipino American community leader Mitzi Pickard.

"If the UN inspection team does not find any 'smoking gun' by Jan. 27, we need to reassess the situation," Pickard told the INQUIRER. "Going to war against Iraq is not the answer. It will not solve our problems. Many innocent Iraqis and Americans will get caught in the crossfire and die. Saddam is not worth dying for! Let's strive for peace, not war."

"A battle has been [formed] between public opinion and the forces that want the war," Arielle Denis, of the group Movement for Peace, told a news conference in Paris that announced rallies Saturday in the French capital and 40 other cities.

Russia's Communist Party has organized a rally in front of the US Embassy in Moscow on Saturday, and ultra-nationalist deputy Vladimir Zhirinovsky is to lead another similar protest a day later in the city's central Pushkin Square.

Other protests are due to take place in Mexico, Argentina and Egypt.

Magnitude

Protest organizers claim that the magnitude of the worldwide protests rivals those held against the Vietnam War in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Some observers agree. Stephen Zunes of the University of San Francisco said this week that the broad-based anti-war activities in US communities and university campuses were "greater than after two or three years of heavy fighting in Vietnam," when US forces were already engaged in combat.

Another US professor specializing in anti-war groups, Peter Kuznik, said: "It's a very diverse movement . . . in many ways, it's a pure anti-war movement, with no ideological baggage attached to it."

"I cannot forgive [America's] aggressive attitude," 16-year-old demonstrator Koki Okazaki, said in Tokyo. "It would be an awful thing if Japan were to take part in the war."

A banner carried by Tokyo protesters read: "Is it really all right to follow Bush?" Another read: "No war for oil!"

In the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi, a few thousand people, many of them school children, formed a human chain to condemn a possible attack on Iraq.

"We demand that the United States stop acting unilaterally to impose its economic agenda on the world," said Ayesha Amir Ali, a woman protester.

"My issue against the Bush administration is its preemptive attack policy—it seems so un-American," Filipino American Arabella Driscoll said in Washington.

"I know that these are dangerous times and that the government has to do things to protect its citizens, but I hope it won't sacrifice civil liberties in the process.

"Anyway, it saddens me to hear how immigrants and illegals are being treated." *Reports from Inquirer wires and Jennie L. Ilustre, PDI correspondent in Washington*

Joe de V: No to con-con

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duration of their work, he said.

He also noted that there was no government building large enough to accommodate a con-con so that taxpayers would again have to fork out the money for renting suitable space. The 1971 con-con sessions were held in the Manila Hotel.

Overwhelming approval

De Venecia and Deputy Speaker for the Visayas Raul Gonzalez said deliberations on House Concurrent Resolution No. 16, seeking to convene the House and the Senate into a constituent assembly to propose the amendments, would go on as scheduled next week.

The House voted 126 to 2 in a caucus last Wednesday in favor of Charter change.

Gonzalez predicted that the resolution would be "overwhelmingly" approved despite the President's coming out in favor of a constitutional convention.

Asked how he proposed to resolve the House position for a constituent assembly and some senators' stand for a con-con, De Venecia said he was for leaving the matter to the bicameral conference committee.

Gonzalez said the opposition in the Senate was "not insurmountable."

He said that contrary to the claim of some senators, the Constitution only required a majority vote of members of Congress to approve a resolution calling for the convening of a constituent assembly.

He said the requirement for calling a con-con was higher, a two-thirds vote of all the members of Congress.

This would mean that only 13 senators and 111 congressmen would be needed to approve the call for a constituent assembly, he said.

Only four senators, including Senate President Franklin Drilon, have so far signed a resolution in favor of a con-con.

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel proposed the creation of a bicameral panel to help both houses of Congress forge a common position on the issue even as he praised the President for coming out in support of a constitutional convention.

Pimentel said that the President did the right thing in coming out in the open to support the initiative for constitutional reform through a con-con instead of merely staying neutral on an issue of paramount importance to the nation.

Opposition leader Sen. Edgardo Angara, who recently had a rapprochement with the President, dismissed what he called "malicious insinuations" that the Charter change moves were part of a conspiracy to postpone the 2004 presidential elections and extend the term of Ms Macapagal.

Angara, the chair of the Senate committee on constitutional amendments, revision of codes and laws and electoral reforms, said he believed that now was the right time to start an intense debate on constitutional change under a non-partisan President.

"Political leaders should seize this opportunity of having a sitting President with neither political ambition nor agenda. The President to be elected in 2004 may block efforts to discuss constitutional change," he said.

Act of cowardice

But not everyone in Congress was happy over the President's eventually coming out in support of Charter change.

"Has (she) changed her mind about not running (in the) 2004 presidential elections?" carped Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos who accused the President of breaking her commitment not to talk about politics when she changed her mind about cha-cha.

"I thought the President was serious in setting aside politics for now. What sort of leadership ignores the will of the people and succumbs to power brokers?" Marcos said.

She said Ms Macapagal should not follow up her "great act of courage" in declaring she was not running in 2004 with a "profound act of cowardice."

Opposition Rep. Gilbert Remulla said the President should persuade her House allies to drop their bid for charter change.

"It's not enough that the President comes out with a statement like that. She must assert this conviction to her partymates because this is the right thing to do," Remulla said.

Ms Macapagal previously claimed to be "neutral" about the legislators' move to amend the Constitution.

Secret Plan B

Outside Congress, reaction to the President's pro-Charter change stance was scathing. The spokesman for the Communist Party of the Philippines said Ms Macapagal's stand was her "secret plan B" to escape certain defeat in 2004.

"It was obvious from the very start that all her gibberish was but a ploy for . . . changing the rules of the game and forging new possibilities for her to remain in power beyond 2004," said CPP spokesperson Gregorio Rosal in a statement.

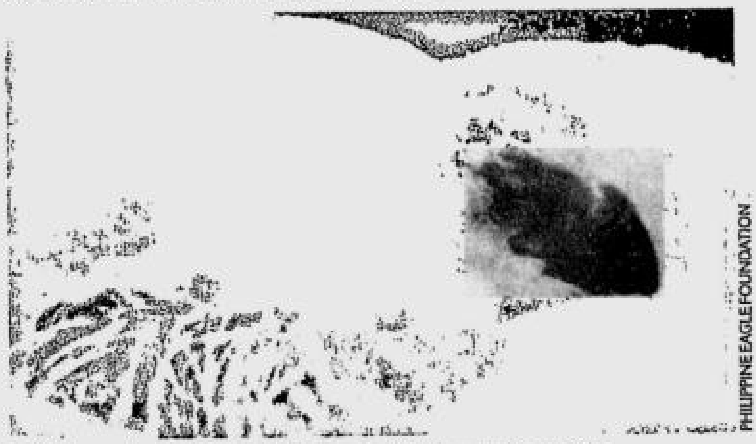
By suddenly turning pro-Charter change, the President had lost whatever trust she got from the people when she announced her withdrawal from the 2004 presidential race, militants said.

"This is a 180-degreee turn from her Dec. 30 statement . . . and makes that pronouncement a complete baloney," said the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas.

Presidential Spokesperson Ignacio Bunye explained that the President's coming out in support of Charter change by constitutional convention was not inconsistent with her Dec. 30 declaration and even reinforced her previous announcement.

He said the President was determined to hold the 2004 elections as scheduled despite moves to amend the Constitution.

"The timing of Charter change, which is after 2004, shows that the economy, not Cha-cha, is her priority," he said. *With reports from Cynthia D. Balana, Dona Pazzibugan, Volt Contreras and Delfin T. Mallari, Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*


PHILIPPINE EAGLE FOUNDATION

STILL nameless, the eaglet brings to 29 the number of the endangered species at the Philippine Eagle Center in Malagos, Baguio District in Davao City, including those caught in the wild.

Edsa II: How acceptable was Gloria?

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Laroza and Archilles Velante.)

Night of 2nd envelope

The poll looked into awareness of the Jan.16, 2001 Senate decision on the second envelope during the impeachment trial. The envelope contained evidence about allegedly secret bank accounts of President Estrada. The Senate majority voted not to open the envelope.

Fully 84% of the people were aware of the event, and the corresponding ratios were 99% for the comfortable class ABC, 88%; for the poor class D and 68% for the destitute class E.

There was much interest about the second envelope incident: 60% saw it live on television; 12% heard it live on radio and just 12% learned about it only after it happened.

The poll asked, "In your opinion, was the decision of the Senate on Jan.16, 2001 not to open that envelope Just or Unjust?" The results were 24% for Just *(Makatarungan)* and 72% for Unjust *(Hindi Makatarungan)*. The response of Unjust cut across classes: 73% in class ABC; 75% in class D and 65% in class E.

Mass actions galore

After the second envelope decision, huge rallies erupted, leading to Edsa II. To what extent were people involved in these mass actions? The replies were:

	RP	NCR
Personally joined any rally	3%	11%
Went to any rally just to watch	1	3
Followed the news while a rally was going on	52	67
Followed the news after the rally was over	11	8
Did not pay much attention	36	15

Was Edsa II legit?

How acceptable to the public was the replacement of Joseph Estrada with Macapagal-Arroyo as President of the Philippines?

The resulting answers were: 61% for Very/Somewhat Acceptable; 22% for Very/Somewhat Unacceptable and 17% for undecided.

One point of controversy was whether the Edsa II Revolution did indeed reflect the will of the people. Respondents were asked to choose which of these two statements was closer to their opinion:

A. "What was expressed at Edsa People Power II was the sentiment of the majority."

B. "What was expressed at Edsa People Power II was the sentiment of only a few."

The bulk of 71% said that the revolution was the will of the majority versus 28% who said it reflected the minority opinion.

Interviewers asked the people to agree or disagree with certain test statements:

"The People Power II which forced President Estrada out of office was just."

Most of the respondents, 61%, agreed while 20% disagreed, for a margin of agreement of +41 percentage points. However, the margin fell the lower the class: +52 for class ABC, +44 for class D, and +25 for class E.

Religious angle

What about the religious angle to the uprising? Another test statement was, "The triumph of Edsa People Power II was, above all, the will of God." The replies were 59% for agree versus 22% for disagree.

After the revolution, citizen Joseph Estrada was put on trial on charges of plunder. The survey asked, "Should there still be, or should there no longer be a trial to judge whether Joseph Estrada is guilty or not guilty of the impeachment charges?"

Two-thirds or 66% said there should be such a trial, as against 33% who did not want one.

Oppposition to the trial rose the lower the class: 23% for class ABC, 29% for class E, and 47% for class E.

Those who wanted the trial were asked a question on personal testimony by the ex-President during the trial. They were asked, "For you, is it important or not important that he testifies personally at this trial?"

There was widespread agreement, at 87%, that Estrada should testify personally. This view cut across classes and locations.

Treatment of Estrada

Another SWS poll in Nov. 3-21, 2001 asked the nation about the treatment given to the ex-president.

"What do you think about how the present administration is treating former President Estrada? Would you say it is . . .

Too harsh, 28%; Just right, 55; Too lenient, 15.

The same poll asked the people to grade the prosecution and defense of the former Chief Executive.

"How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that the prosecution of former President Estrada is being done in a just manner?"

The readings for this item were 44% for satisfied versus 28% for dissatisfied, for a margin of +16 percentage points.

The question was repeated for the defense of the ex-President, and the ratings were 48% for satisfied versus 20% for dissatisfied, for a margin of +28.

How did the people regard the Sandiganbayan? Was it pro-Estrada, neutral, or anti-Estrada? The results were: 11% for pro-Erap; 64% for neutral, and 23% for anti-Erap.

The pattern held across classes.

Guilty as charged or not

The crux of the matter was the culpability issue. Did the people believe the charges of corruption? Here was the original Filipino wording of the pertinent question:

"Kayo po ba ay Naniniwala o Hindi Naniniwala na nagpayaman ng daan-daang milyong piso si dating Pangulong Estrada sa pangungurakot habang siya ay presidente? O wala po ba kayong sapat na kaalaman upang makapagbigay ng opinyon?"

(Do you Believe or Not Believe that former President Estrada enriched himself with hundreds of millions of pesos through corruption while he was President? Or do you not know enough to give an opinion?)

The replies on the national level were: 40% for believe the corruption charges; 28% for not believe and 33% for don't know enough.

However, there was a sharp class divide. The believe ratio was 69% for class ABC, as against 39% for class D and 32% for class E. Conversely, the not believe ratios were only 12% for class ABC versus 27% for class D and 37% for class E.

13 is...

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Center in Malagos, Baguio District.

With the hatching of the 13th eaglet, the center now has 29 eagles, including those previously caught in the wild.

The still unnamed eaglet, which weighed 153 grams, came out of its shell on Thursday.

It was the second heaviest Philippine eaglet hatched in captivity, said officials of the Philippine Eagle Foundation. The heaviest Philippine eaglet at the time of hatching was Maginoo, which weight 155.6 grams when it broke out of its shell on Dec. 15, 2000.

Like all previously hatched eaglets, the newly hatched bird needs godparents to foot the bill for its feeds and other expenses.

Since 1992, the PEF successfully hatched 14 eaglets but only 13 have so far survived.

The PEF has been aiming to release the eagles back into the wild to help complement the declining eagle population.

The Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*), the world's largest bird of prey, was declared an endangered species in 1965 and was named the country's national bird in 1995.

Today, there are only about 500 pairs of eagles remaining in the wild.

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103 CAGERS REMAIN JOBLESS

PBA abets nation's unemployment woes

By June Navarro

THE UNEMPLOYMENT rate in the country has gone sky high that even the Philippine Basketball Association wasn't spared from its disheartening repercussion.

A week after the PBA Draft was held, a total of 103 players were still jobless, with some of them having difficulty renewing their contracts and a large chunk virtually being forced into retirement.

Among the unsuccessful were some of the veterans, who, at one time or another, kept the fans at the edge of their seats with their exploits on the hard court.

They are the ones hit hardest by the fast turnover of players and the diminishing salary cap.

Alaska's Jojo Lastimosa, Dindo Pumaren of Air21-FedEx and Ronnie Magsanoc of Purefoods had called it quits while Alvin Teng (Alaska), Eric Reyes (Alaska), Zaldy Realubit (FedEx), Gerald Esplana (Shell), Nelson Asaytono and Noli Locsin may find themselves without a team when the 2003 PBA season opens on Feb. 23.

Thirty-five players more out of the 67 expirees were either hoping to see an offer sheet or seeing their previous contracts with their mother squads retained.

The smorgasbord of free agents has armed the teams with enough bargaining power to dictate the terms and conditions that they want as far as player acquisition is concerned.

Cagers who have been offered with financial deals way below their usual salaries are veterans Cris Bolado, Jayjay Helterbrand, Mike Mustre, Dwight Lago, Dorian Peña, Rob Wainwright, Richard Del Rosario, Noynoy Falcasantos, Mike Orquillas, Richard Yee and Boyet Fernandez.

Yet the most unlucky ones from the crop are the players who have no offers at all. Since their mother teams had released them, it's either that they try out for another ballclub or bid their basketball career adieu.

These players are Jay Mendoza, David Friedhoff, Biboy Simon, Gabby Cui, Kenny Evans, Hercules Tangkay, Jovy Sese, Jason Misolas, Elmer Lago, Marlon Basco, Marlon Piodo, Boy Valera, Ronaldo Carmona, Ronilo Padilla, Jojo Lim, Art Del Rosario, Marc Victoria, Junnel Mendiola, Paul Guerrero, Bonel Balingit, Jolly Escobar and Ronald Magtulis.

In the rookie department, only nine of the 29 rookies have so far signed up. The contracts of the rest are still up in the air.

The 29 rookies had been presented with offer sheets while the 11 other aspirants who were picked in the Draft over a field of 62 received no offers at all.

Top pick Mike Cortez (Alaska), Romel Adducul (Ginebra), Sunday Salvacion (Ginebra), Enrico Villanueva (Red Bull), Harvey Carey (Talk N Text), Brandon Lee Cablay (Alaska), John Ferriols (Air21-FedEx) and Talk N Text's Jimmy Alapag and William Kahi Villa got deals from their respective teams before last Friday's deadline on rookie offers.

League experts say it is good for the teams and the league in general as far as competition is concerned but definitely not for the idle players who better start looking for a greener pasture other than the PBA.

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40th Southern Ladies goes to Cebu Feb. 5-7

THE SOUTHERN Ladies Open Golf Championship, which has carved a niche as one of the most prestigious golf tournaments for women in the country, holds its 40th edition from Feb. 5-7 at the Cebu Country Club course.

To be staged in cooperation with the Cebu Country Club Ladies Chapter, the 54-hole event spread over three days will see the country's finest women golfers chasing the championship won last year by Canlubang's Lina de Guzman.

"The Southern Ladies Open is already a tradition in women's golf and we're looking forward to this year's tournament," said Alice Andrada, National Golf Association treasurer and head of the NGAP Ladies Committee.

This year's event will have Philippine Airlines, the Philippine Sports Commission, DHL Worldwide Express/WWW Express, Petron Corporation, Directories Philippines Corp.-The Yellow Pages, Mizuno, Hidden Spring and Perrier Inc., Marriott Hotel, San Miguel Corporation and Hans Brumann Jewelry as sponsors.

PAL will be giving 50 percent discounts on airfares for participants travelling to Cebu from different parts of the archipelago. DHL will provide the trophies while Mizuno has donated a golfer set as hole-in-one prize.

De Guzman ruled last year's event at the Del Monte layout in Bukidnon, but her reign is expected to be challenged by a host of big names that have shone on the women's golf landscape over the last years.

Foremost among the bidders are national team mainstay Aileen Rose Yao, jungolf star Jayvee Agojo, DHL Open champion Carmelette Villaroman and US-based Ria Quiazon.

Entry fee is P1,800. Deadline for registration is noon of Feb. 4, which is also the day of the free practice round.

Inquiries can be coursed to the NGAP office (Ms. Susan Facundo at tels. 525-6987 and 5245160 or the Cebu Country Club Ladies Chapter (Ms Ada Martinez) at tels. (032) 2310345 or 0918 9295749.

JW Classic pits Els vs Garcia

COULD 2003 be the year the "Young Guns" shoot it out with the established stars and win?

The 2003 Johnnie Walker Classic at Perth's Lake Karrinyup Country Club, Feb. 13-16, will be the first opportunity for such a showdown.

Sergio Garcia, Adam Scott, Justin Rose, Paul Casey, Nick Dougherty, and Andrew Buckle will contest the Aus $2.85 million event alongside established stars Ernie Els, the World no. 3, Retief Goosen, the defending champion and World no. 5, the six-time Major winner Nick Faldo, the long hitting American John, the winner of two Majors and the Australian no. 1 Robert Allenby.

Garcia turned professional in 1999 and went on to win the Irish Open, the German Masters and was part of the three-man Spanish team that won that year's Alfred Dunhill Cup.

Welcoat faces Dazz in finals

GAMES THURSDAY *(Quezon Convention Center, Lucena)*
3 p.m.—Blu vs LBC (best-of-three, for 3rd)
5 p.m.—Welcoat vs Dazz (best-of-5, championship)

By Dennis U. Eroa

BEMEDALLED Welcoat Paints demolished LBC-Batangas, 84-65, while Dazz downed Blu Detergent, 73-65, to barge into the PBL Challenge Cup finals yesterday at the Pasig Sports Center.

Despite getting an anemic showing from Romel Adducul, the Paintmasters proved superior against the Blades, who simply collapsed when they came under siege in the second half.

"I have to give credit to the players. They really wanted to win," said Welcoat mentor Leo Austria.

The 6-foot-5 Adducul was slowed down by back spasms, but Austria expects his prized center to play healthy in Game One of the best-of-five title series on Thursday in Lucena City.

Welcoat, however, isn't going up against a patsy opponent. The addition of John Ferriols, who like Adducul will play in the coming PBA season, has given the Sparklers a steady presence in the middle.

6 pro teams back Lina Cup

ALL-Filipino champion Coca-Cola leads six PBA teams which have thrown their support to the Bert Lina-Six Footers Junior Basketball Cup next month.

Also backing one team each in the novel tournament sanctioned by the Basketball Association of the Philippines is FedEx, Talk N' Text, Ginebra, Sta. Lucia Realty and Shell.

Coca-Cola has adopted the National Collegiate Athletic Association selection to be coached by multi-titled Ato Badolato while FedEx will bankroll the RP Training Pool of coach Johnny Tam.

TNT will support the selection from the Universities Athletic Association of the Philippines in the three-week event slated to start Feb. 4.

Ginebra will back the National Capital Region Athletic Association quintet while Shell will take care of the team from the Universities and Colleges Athletic Associations. Sta. Lucia will be behind the selection from the Colleges and Universities Sports Association.

Interested players can contact coach Ching Ching Marcelino at tel. 861-4092 or Steven of FedEx at 09178376706s. Or, they can drop by at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum from 6 to 8 p.m. and look for Marcelino. *Roy Luarca*

Turalba tourney Jan. 25

MOUNT MALARAYAT Golf & Country Club will be holding its annual Chairman's Cup on Jan. 25.

The tournament will be an 18-hole stroke Play Handicap Competition. Entry fee is P1,000.00 for members and P2,000.00 for guests. Tee time is at 7 a.m.

The Chairman's Cup is in honor of Active Group, Inc.'s Chairman and President, Arch. Antonio A. Turalba, Sr.

For information and/or registration, call the Club Malarayat ProShop at (143) 7567007 or the Makati office at 893-7024-28 local 220 or 251.

Ubing Nagango

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

ONCE upon a time, there lived a man named Ubing Nagango. He was one of my hometown's greatest "of all time." They called him by his initials U.N.

U.N. was from Tukok Barikir, a rustic barrio laden with bamboos. Known for its vast rice fields, Tukok Barikir is blessed with a rock-strewn stream whose crystal-clear water cascades down from the mountains of Caraballo off the western fringes of Mangatarem, Pangasinan. U.N.'s house was by the stream; legend has it that he took a bath there every morning, almost at the crack of dawn, because the water gave him extra strength and a sharp mind.

U.N. was one of a kind.

He was well loved by his barrio mates because, for one, his basketball prowess included acrobatic shots that resembled those of Michael Jordan's; each time he did one, it drew lusty cheers from the crowd. For another,. U.N. had an uncanny sense of humor backstopped by a wisdom seldom seen in people his age.

Before he was 10, he already showed signs of wit. He was six years old when he said: "Gravity is when your chest falls and becomes your stomach."

When he turned 14, the elders of Tukok Barikir started going to him to seek his advice. An early classic he gave the barrio captain when a barrio mate got collared for towing a carabao that was not his: "If that's not his carabao, then return that carabao to its real owner."

The suspected thief became his bodyguard for life.

When U.N. turned 19, he became the barrio captain. In his first year in office, U.N. made Tukok Barikir a model barrio: criminality was zero. His formula? He ordered his bodyguard-for-life to recruit all the barrio's carabao rustlers, suspected or otherwise, to become *tanods.* Since U.N. was unmarried anyway, and virtually his entire constituency showered him with gifts like eggs, dressed chicken and vegetables all year round, he decided to donate his salaries to the barrio *tanods.*

But he would not just rest on his laurels.

A dyed-in-the-wool sportsman, U.N. made Tukok Barikir inter-barrio basketball champion for 16 straight years, the reason being that he was the team's player-coach. There was not a single game that he was not the top scorer in those 16 championship years. In fact, he was the only scorer in 251 of the 256 games he played for 16 years as the Main Man of the Tukok Barikir Alingos.

His legend spread like wild fire.

Soon, the governor of Pangasinan wanted to recruit U.N. as his running mate in the coming elections. Upon hearing that, the mayor of Mangatarem rushed to Tukok Barikir and advised U.N. to refuse the governor's offer.

U.N. told the mayor: "Thanks for your advice, Mr. Mayor. But instead of running for vice governor, I will run for mayor. I hope you won't mind."

Stunned, the mayor was speechless. When he came to, the mayor could only mutter: "I thought we were friends?"

"We are not friends, Mr. Mayor," said U.N. "We know each other but that does not make us friends."

And so they fought in the elections. Despite the mayor's vote-buying tactics, U.N. won by a landslide. The voters took the mayor's money but still went on to vote for U.N.

In his first official act as mayor, U.N. recruited people who were not his friends and relatives to work in his government---no classmates, no *kumpares*, no boyhood chums. Then, when everything was in place, he held a rally at the plaza and, in his first public speech, told the townspeople: "I will not seek re-election."

The males whistled in disgust. Many of the females shed tears.

A young man shouted: "But we need men like you to lead us forever."

It was met with a deafening cheer.

U.N. said: "I do not have a monopoly of good leadership."

"But who will succeed you?" shouted the young man back.

"We will find one," said U.N. "For all you know, you might be that one. In the meantime, go back home. Let me do my job now."

They all went home, happy with the thought that they had elected a good man.

Did U.N. retire from politics after only one term?

Among those I had interviewed in Tukok Barikir thus far, nobody really knew. Sadly, U.N.'s records went up in smoke when the town hall was put to the torch by the descendants of the mayor unseated by U.N.

A long time ago that was.

Thus, when I'm asked at times who is the best mayor "of all time" in this country, I immediately answer Ubing Nagango, a.k.a. U.N.

After all, "all time" is a long time.

Fistorama on RPN 9

TOP contender Bert Batawang and No. 2 ranked Rodel Quilaton will meet today at the Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Taguig, Metro Manila for the vacant Philippine junior flyweight crown.

This was bared yesterday by Edgardo "Boy" Cantada, the promoter of the nine-bout, 62-round card featuring four mainstays of the Cantada Boxing Stable managed by his son, golf pro Gerard.

"We will telecast all these fights on the popular weekly television program Fistorama which is aired at noon every Sunday on RPN-9," Cantada said.

CAREER-HIGH 44 PTS

Francis stars as Rockets down Lakers

HOUSTON—Steve Francis amassed a career-high 44 points to guide the Houston Rockets to a 108-104 overtime victory over the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA Friday.

The Houston guard dominated a game that was billed as a showdown between huge centers Shaquille O'Neal and Yao Ming of China.

Francis, who also had 11 assists and six rebounds, turned in a sizzling performance for the Rockets while Cuttino Mobley added 29 points.

Yao had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets and blocked O'Neal's first three shots.

The five-game winning streak of the Lakers was snapped despite 31 points and 12 rebounds from O'Neal and a near triple-double from Kobe Bryant.

Bryant had 22 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists while Derek Fisher and Rick Fox both added 13 points.

Sonics 103, Grizzlies 97 (OT)

In Seattle, Gary Payton had 27 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists as the SuperSonics defeated the Memphis Grizzlies 103-97 in overtime.

Rashard Lewis scored 24 points as Seattle ended a six-game losing streak. Desmond Mason added 20 points.

Pau Gasol led Memphis with 23 points and 14 rebounds.

Warriors 107, Wolves 98

In Oakland, California, Earl Boykins picked up 28 points as the Golden State Warriors beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 107-98.

Antawn Jamieson had 21 points and eight rebounds for the Warriors while Gilbert Arenas had 16 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists.

Kevin Garnett collected 22 points for the Timberwolves.

Suns 111, Mavs 106

In Phoenix, Stephon Marbury had 41 points and 11 assists as the Suns handed the Dallas Mavericks their second successive loss, 111-106.

Joe Johnson added 20 points and nine rebounds as the Suns ended a two-game losing streak. Shawn Marion had 16 points and nine rebounds.

Steve Nash recorded a season-high 32 points for the Mavericks, who lost two consecutive games for the first time this season. Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points and 14 rebounds while Raef LaFrentz added 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Pistons 99, Knicks 82

In Detroit, Cliff Robinson scored 22 points in just three quarters as the Pistons rolled to a 99-82 victory over the New York Knicks.

Detroit, which has won six out of eight games, had a 25-point lead going into the fourth quarter and most of the team's starters stayed on the bench for the final session.

Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton both scored 16 points for Detroit while Corliss Williamson added 15. Kurt Thomas and Shandon Anderson scored 16 points apiece for the Knicks, who have lost six out of eight.

Celtics 98, Pacers 93

In Boston, Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker both scored 31 points as the Celtics edged the Indiana Pacers 98-93.

Pierce had two key baskets in the fourth quarter after Boston blew a 14-point lead. Walker had 10 rebounds as the Celtics won their second game in a row.

Jermaine O'Neal had 22 points and nine rebounds for the Pacers, whose five-game winning streak was snapped. Al Harrington added 18 points and 14 rebounds.

Bucks 99, 76ers 95

In Philadelphia, Ray Allen scored 21 points, 17 in the second half, as the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the 76ers 99-95.

Sam Cassell had 12 points for the Bucks, who have won five in a row to move within one game of .500 at 19-20. Tim Thomas and Toni Kukoc both added 11 points.

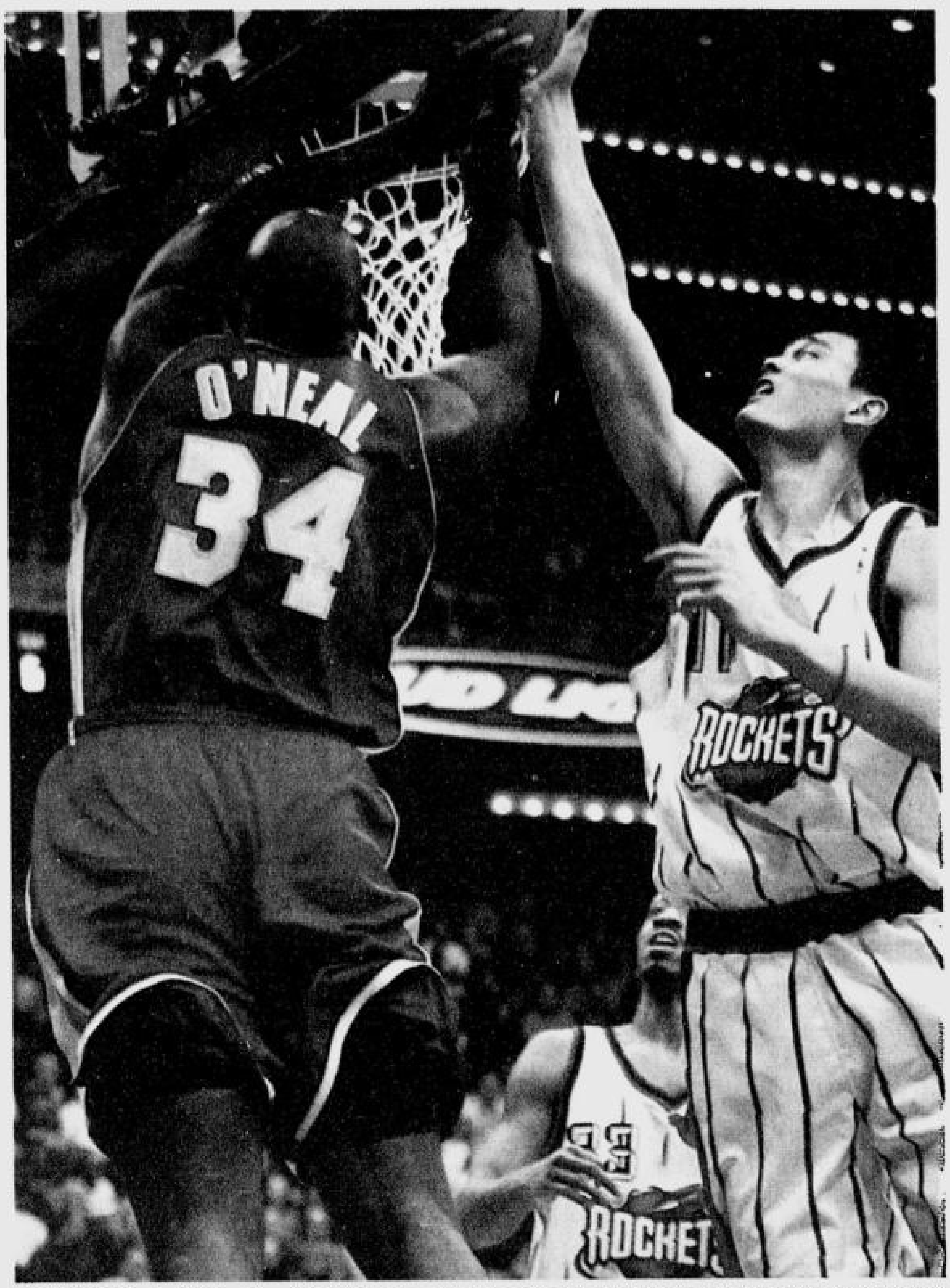
Keith Van Horn scored 22 points for the 76ers, who have lost seven of their last eight games. Eric Snow had 18 points while Allen Iverson and Brian Skinner both collected 17.

Nets 88, Raptors 77

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Jason Kidd scored 18 points to lead the Nets to an 88-77 win over the Toronto Raptors.

COMPLETE RESULTS:

Milwaukee 99, Philadelphia 95; Boston 98, Indiana 93; New Jersey 88; Toronto 77, Detroit 99, New York 82; San Antonio 106, Atlanta 93; Phoenix 111, Dallas 106; Denver 97, Cleveland 80; New Orleans 90, Chicago 83; Golden State 107, Minnesota 98; Seattle 103, Memphis 97 (OT); Houston 108, LA Lakers 104 (OT). *Reuters*



HOUSTON Rockets' Yao Ming (right) blocks an undergoal shot by LA Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal in the first quarter. The Rockets prevailed, 108-104, in overtime. AFP

WNBA considering casino team

NEW YORK—Still dealing with a new business model, some franchises folding and others moving, and a bid for a team from a Connecticut casino, the WNBA found itself with another issue Friday.

The players association is wondering about the slow pace of contract negotiations.

The four-year collective bargaining agreement expired in September, and there has been just one meeting between the union and the league.

"We met last November, and they asked for a proposal," said Pam Wheeler, director of operations for the union. "We provided one within four days and then received a letter expressing disappointment and asking for another proposal.

"We asked them for a counter proposal. We've had no response to date."

The union seeks improvements in salaries, which averaged $46,000 last season, some free agency system and loosened restrictions on players marketing themselves during the season.

"In general, our proposal did not include any surprises or secrets," Wheeler said. "The players are tired of being treated like second-class citizens in comparison to other athletes who enjoy these rights."

The league changed its business model in October, ending central ownership of teams and cutting ties that bound teams to NBA franchises. *AP*

Webber facing more fed charges

DETROIT—Chris Webber faces additional charges on accusations he lied to a grand jury about his dealings with a Michigan basketball booster.

The new indictment Friday charges the Sacramento Kings' star, his father Mayce Webber Jr. and aunt Charlene Johnson with nine counts, including conspiracy to obstruct justice and perjury.

They are accused of lying to a federal grand jury about their dealings with ex-booster Eddie Martin.

Martin says he gave $616,000 to Webber and three other Wolverines players while they were amateurs. Martin, who pleaded guilty to illegal gambling, said he gave Webber and his family $280,000. Webber denies taking all but pocket money from Martin.

Webber has said he was misled by Martin who "befriended kids like myself, preying on our naivete."

The player was indicted Sept. 9. He said a few days later he would "fight this case to the end, and I feel that I will be vindicated."

Defense attorney Steven Fishman had no immediate comment Friday because he had just learned about the indictment.

Friday's indictment supersedes the four-count indictment in September against Webber, his father and his aunt. It contends they conspired to conceal the cash, checks, clothing, jewelry and other benefits provided to the player and his family by Martin from 1988-93.

The Webber family's trial has been set for July 8. The maximum penalty on each charge is five years in prison and a fine of $250,000.

Webber told the grand jury in August 2000 that he took money from Martin in high school, but could not remember if he took money in college. His father testified before the grand jury two months earlier. *AP*

Manila Youth Games draws 10,000 kids; cheering tilt on

WITH the addition of another age bracket that is expected to lure about 10,000 participants, the second Manila Youth Games (MYG) could very well be one of the biggest local sports gatherings this year.

And with the introduction of a cheering competition, Manila Sports Council (Masco) chair Arnold "Ali" Atienza likewise expressed hope that the April 6 – 13 conclave stands to become one of the liveliest ever in memory.

The Masco will include the 13 – 15 age bracket in efforts to bridge the link between the 12 years under level and Palarong Pambansa, which caters more to the 16 – 18 age bracket – a move expected to double the 4,000 participants in last year's inaugural edition of the meet.

"Our success in the past two editions of the Batang Pinoy inspired us to make this next staging as big as possible in our desire to produce more talents, whom we can develop to become national athletes," said the 30 year old son of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza Atienza.

"But more importantly, we don't want those talents already identified to go stagnant. This is why we are including the 13 – 15 age level, which is also hoped to provide the missing link," he pointed out.

The young Atienza, a former Asian taekwondo champion, said the 12 events contested by the city's 12 years old and under athletes the previous year will be retained. These are athletics, badminton, swimming, chess, taekwondo, dance sports, football, table tennis, lawn tennis, gymnastics, volleyball, and softball for girls 16 – 18 years old.

And to satisfy the requirement of the Little League Philippines to qualify Manila for the coming Philippine Series, elementary boys' baseball, according to Atienza, will also be included in the second staging of the MYG.

Handog elected Jungolf president

BUSINESSMAN Gerry Handog is the new president of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines.

Handog was unanimously elected during the first meeting of the new board recently at the Manila Polo Club. He succeeds Merwin Mediana who had served out his two-year term.

The others elected were Luigi Tabuena, vice president; Hedy See, treasurer; Felix Yulo, secretary and Oscar Bunyi, executive director. Ms. Amalia Montecillo, founder of the organization, is the chair of the board.

The board also includes Nash Gutierrez, Stanley Uy, Sonny Yee, Gen. Antonio Sotelo, Sgt. Romulo Negrido, Lilibeth de Villa, Rey Gonzales, Bill Carlos and Mediana.

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La Salle batters bag 8th victory

LA SALLE stretched its winning run in men's baseball by routing Adamson, 11-1, Thursday even as University of the Philippines continued to show the way in men's football in the UAAP meet.

The Green Archers were unrelenting against the Falcons in notching their eighth straight men's baseball win, a record that kept them safely up the standings ahead of UP, whose 9-0 shutout of National University hiked its record to six wins againts two losses.

Santo Tomas U also won Thursday at the Rizal Memorial diamond—14-4 over Ateneo—but could only stay fourth in the standings with 4-4 behind Adamson (5-3). Ateneo dropped to 1-1 while NU had 0-8 at the cellar.

Congress: ₱105M for PSC budget

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE HOUSE of Representatives has approved the Philippine Sports Commission's P105-million budget for 2003, the same amount the agency got the past two years.

Rep. Monico Puentevella, chair of the House committee on youth and sports, said this year's budget is already "in the bag."

PSC chair Eric Buhain last year expressed fears that the agency might get budget cuts considering that the country fell on hard times.

But Puentevella, a former sports commissioner himself, said his committee batted for the retention of the P105 million budget because the country "is gearing up for tough international competitions like the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games" in December.

Last week, Buhain said the agency planned to go after uncollected funds from several sources as mandated by the Republic Act 6847 which created the PSC.

The chair immediately assigned newly appointed commissioner Ambrosio de Luna to seek legal means to recoup revenues from sources like the Bureau of Customs, Philippine Racing Commission and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

Buhain said that in 2001 alone, there were approximately P900,000 worth of uncollected funds from the Customs representing three percent of the taxes from imported sports equipment.

The agency also gets remittances from the National Sports Development Fund through the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, which are used to subsidize the national sports associations.

However, the agency still ran out of funds last year, especially after it bankrolled the preparation for the Busan Asian Games, which cost P78.9 million.

But it got by with the help of President Macapagal-Arroyo who shelled out P50 million additional funds for the Asiad stint and another P30 million early last year for the Palarong Pambansa.

MARAT Safin: He had to quit the Australian Open due to a wrist injury on his doctor's advice. REUTERS

SPORTSTV

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BASKETBALL: NBA - Washington vs Philadelphia, 8 a.m. (r - 10 p.m.), Solar Sports
TENNIS: Hopman Cup XV, 9 a.m. (r), Star Sports
Australian Open, 2 p.m., Solar Sports
GOLF: Best of PGA Golf - The Florida Swing, 10:30 p.m., ESPN
POOL: Mosconi Cup 2001, 7 p.m. (r), ESPN
2002 Women's Tournament of Champions, 8 p.m., ESPN
Rack 'Em Up 2, 10 p.m., Star Sports

Controversial decisions at Manila Jockey Club

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

MY keen-eyed Silip Boy thought there were only a few of them who were "robbed" following the outcome of last Friday night's Race 6 at San Lazaro.

He was wrong. In fact, a lot of *kareristas* flooded us yesterday with calls, fax messages, e-mails and text messages, all howling their protest and asking why a dead heat between Mr. Speaker and Private Pedro was declared by the board of judges.

Majority of them, watching in various OTBS in Metro Manila, wagered on Mr. Speaker, whom they thought clearly edged Private Pedro at the wire. They said they were simply shocked by the decision.

An e-mail from reader Chino Esteban summed it all up:

Dear Mr. Villanueva;

I hope you can expose in your column about what majority of racing fans believed was a controversial decision of the board of judges in last Friday night's (Jan. 17) racing at the Manila Jockey Club, particularly Race 6, where they declared entries No. 5 (Mr. Speaker) and No. 6 (Private Pedro) as co-winners (dead heat).

Live video coverage and replay of said event as objectively viewed by racing fans showed that entry No. 5 was a clear winner by a head over No. 6.

What made the flawed decision more controversial was the reason offered by said board of judges through Mr. Andy Sevilla.

Mr. Sevilla informed the public that the board immediately declared a photo finish as soon as the closely bunched horses (entries 7, 9, 6 and 5) hit the wire but the film producing the photograph result of said event was snagged, hence no photo can be used as basis of decision on who won the race. Fair enough.

But then again, why would they offer said excuse if what was shown in video was evidently clear that a particular horse, in this case entry no. 5, was a solo winner?

What about the more sophisticated and better resolution images shown by video replay? Could it not be used by the judges as more effective basis in determining winner(s)?

Was the dead-heat result rendered by the judges meant to favor a particular horse owner? I could not help to think about the possibility of the last query.

You would recall that a similar incident happened in not so recent past when one club handicapper was suspended for accommodating the entry of one horse who was incidentally owned by the same horse owner involved in this controversial decision. Deja vu?

What can you say Chairman Dilag and Commissioner Domingo Jr.?

Thank you for sharing this message to the *bayang karerista*.

Best regards,
Chino Esteban

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Meanwhile, reader Gerry Frias lambasted San Lazaro race callers, especially the one who repeatedly yelled "Jacuzzi Ma---te" in Race 4 last Friday. J.R. Cabansag, the original "clown" of MJC, was also hit for howling "Private Pidro" in Race 6, prompting Mr. Frias to ask if J.R. is from the Visayas.

***Kareristas* Gelly Francisco and Cifriano Mortel also recalled how one race caller-cum comedian at Santa Ana sent them into stitches when he made Playing With Fire cross the finish line twice during a recent race.**

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Another MJC judges decision which smacked of controversy involved that of Diabolo Don, Jake Maderazo's horse who was disqualified in Race 4 last Thursday night.

Maderazo, VP-marketing director of ABC-CBN News Channel, lost no time in writing the Philracom, requesting it to conduct an "immediate and unbiased review of circumstances leading to Diabolo Don's disqualification."

This coming week promises to be a hectic one for the racing body. Let's see what it can do.

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The *bayang karerista* can reach One Winner through evillanueva@inquirer.com.ph or sports@inquirer.com.ph

Serena advances, next drools over Blake's outfit

MELBOURNE—James Blake sported a racy new outfit and Serena Williams turned on the style to lift spirits at the Australian Open on Saturday after the withdrawal of Marat Safin robbed the tournament of one of its biggest drawcards.

The hugely-popular Russian third seed, runner-up here last year, pulled out before his third round match with Germany's Rainer Schuettler after taking medical advice about a wrist injury.

Safin staged a news conference early on Saturday where he broke the news.

"My wrist is bothering me so I decided not to play," he said.

"The doctor told me I should not play. It could make it worse. It was not worth it."

Williams, Kim Clijsters and Blake soaked up the spotlight in his absence, all advancing to the last 16 in some style.

World number one Williams swept aside the challenge of Thai Tamarine Tanasugarn, 6-1, 6-1, to set up a clash with Greek Eleni Dániilidou.

Clijsters brushed aside Belarussian Tatiana Poutchek, 6-2, 6-1. The fourth-seeded Belgian faces South Africa's Amanda Coetzer in the next round.

Blake set tongues wagging with his outfit -- a sleeveless shirt more familiar on an Australian Rules Football pitch -- and even Williams seemed more interested in that topic than reviewing her own performance.

"Oh, I just love his new outfit," she laughed. "It is nice. I think men should be able to wear whatever... some guys, you get to see their muscles, so I think it is nice. Oh he is a really nice person, he's just... he's the epitome of a gentleman. He's just a very kind individual. He has a good heart." Blake's next test is against Schuettler. *Reuters*

Philracom-MJCI races feature Cat's Bells at San Lazaro

SEASONED imported galloper Cat's Bells (Australia) tests her mettle against stakes winning local-bred Halo Effect in one of five featured invitational races capping five days of topnotch horse racing action today at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

Today's highlight events are dubbed as the Philracom-MJCI New Year's Invitational Races, invitation-only top money races, which is co-presented by the Philippine Racing Commission and the Manila Jockey Club, Inc.

Carrying guaranteed winner's prizes from P160,000.00 to P200,000.00, the five special invitational events will be run over identical race distances of 1,500 meters.

"We would like to thank the Philracom Board led by Chairman Jimmy Dilag and his fellow Commissioners for their generous backing of our racing programs for 2003 and we are hopeful that we could count on their continuing support as we face the challenges of the new year," said MJCI president and chief executive Alfonso Reyno, Jr.

Joining Cat's Bells (AUS) and Halo Effect in the day's featured main event are seasoned track campaigners Bull Rider, Perfect Storm and Kiwi Rose as well as stakes winning imported racer Sunny Contender (USA).

Winner of the race is guaranteed to receive P200,000.00 and a trophy to be co-presented by top officials from the Philracom and MJCI.

In the other featured Philracom - MJCI New Year Invitational Races, recent winner Dandansoy and vastly-improved Kayang Kaya go head to head in another P200,000.00 winner-guaranteed event.

Others in the hunt for the top purse include Dane Emily, Dampi, Mrs. Big Bogart and Aya's Dream.

The other headliners in the companion invitational races include Kitty Bang Bang, Gigi's Gold and Friendly Venture, Kiss Me Quick, Point of Interest Eyewitness, The Mailman, Ebony Starr and Santa Fe.

Starting time for today's 14-race racing program at the San Lazaro Hippodrome has been set at 1:30 p.m.

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA BY MR. 999

Race 1--1. Don Benito 2. Yoko Lady 3. Rainbow Dazzler 4. Oh Diva 5. Silent Heat
Race 2--1. Ground Fighter 2. D'Barrister 3. Dancing Kiara 4. Best of Ocean 5. Lady Darinda
Race 3--1. Golden Snakehotdog 2. Lucky Beat 3. Silver Diamond
Race 4--1. Count Your Blessings 2. Rolex 3. Persona Real 4. Laughing Matter 5. Inner Wheeler
Race 5--1. Gigi's Gold 2. Super Dancer 3. Friendly Venture 4. Snowy Market
Race 6--1. Kiss Me Quick 2. Eyewitness 3. Point of Interest
Race 7--1. With Distinction 2. Summit Power 3. Miguel's Pet 4. Roppongi 5. Parola Sunrise
Race 8--1. Halo Effect 2. Perfect Storm 3. Sunny Contender 4. Bull Rider
Race 9--1. Kayang Kaya 2. Dandansoy 3. Mrs. Big 4. Dane Emily
Race 10--1. May's Magic 2. Classic Model 3. Diamond Buck 4. Global Power 5. Thunder Dragon
Race 11--1. Ebony Starr 2. Santa Fe 3. Septembermorn
Race 12--1. Vhinggel 2. Baby My Beloved 3. Lady Queen 4. Join the Saints 5. Howard Huge
Race 13--1. Imus Emperor 2. Royal Angel 3. Two Thumbs Up/Ong Bee 4. Cardinal Rule 5. Black and White 6. Zenie's Pride

SPORTSWATCH

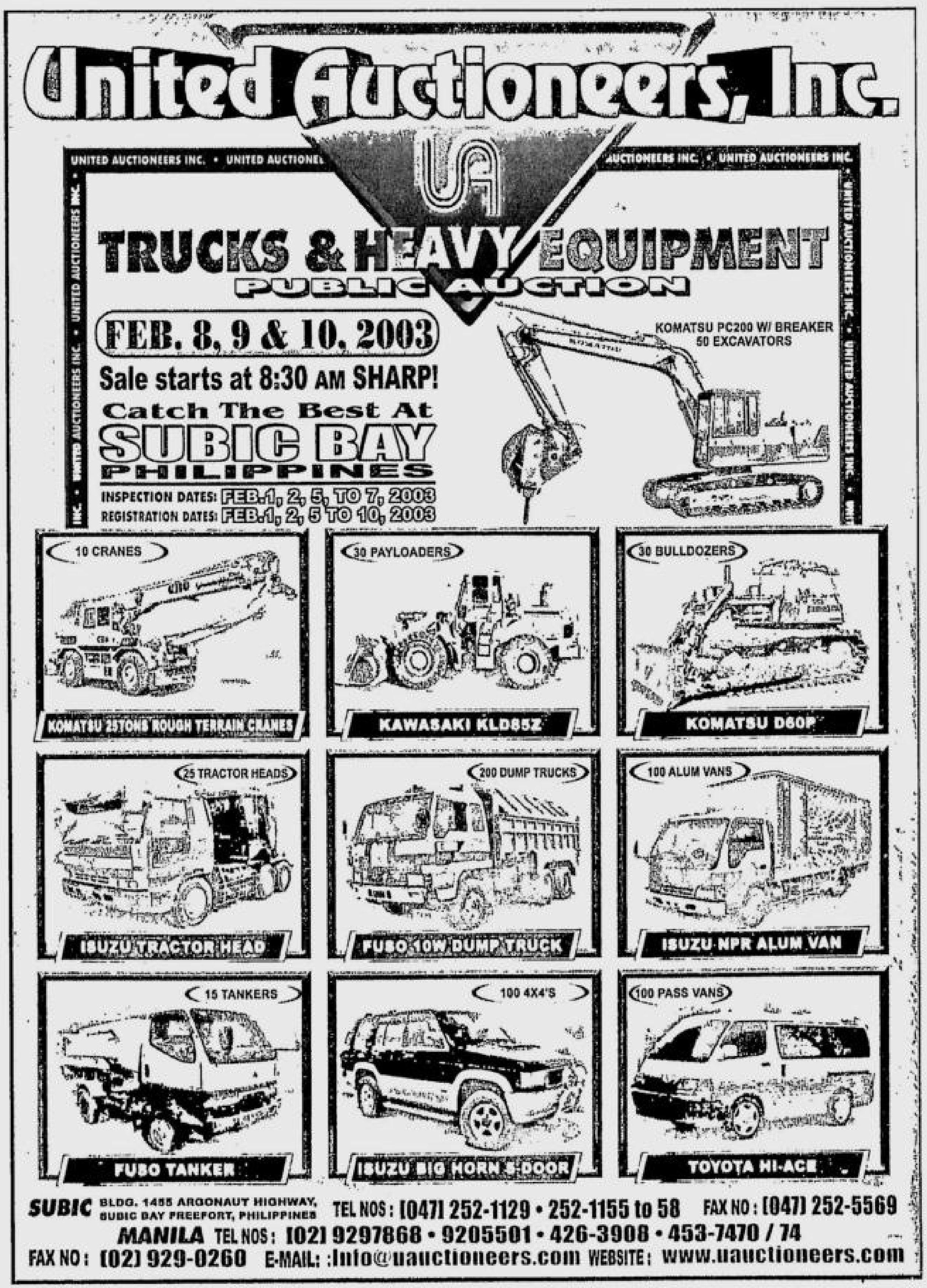
Tiger frustrated over knee surgery

WINDEMERE, Florida —Tiger Woods' rehabilitation from knee surgery is going as planned, and he hopes to resume practice next week using every club in his bag. "The doctors are limiting me to 100 balls a day, which is frustrating because it's hard to work out my flaws," Woods said Friday on his Web site.

Cebu hosting jr tennis tournament

CEBU City kicks off the nationwide 14-leg 2003 Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop when the Sancase Tennis Club hosts the Philippine Tennis Association (Philta)-sanctioned tournament on Jan. 24-26. The Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop will be the first major project of newly-elected club president Bambi Castro who will closely coordinate the age group event with Philta regional VP Alex Ngo.

GREENWOODS NETFEST
Mike Oralde (extreme right) and Mar V. Lim (second from right) topped the men's double Class A event of the Greenwoods Executive Village Tennis Club (GEVTC) Cainta President's Club 2002 recently. Mike Buenaventura and Tony Mendoza semerged 1st runner-up. Jonathan Resultan (middle) is the tournament director.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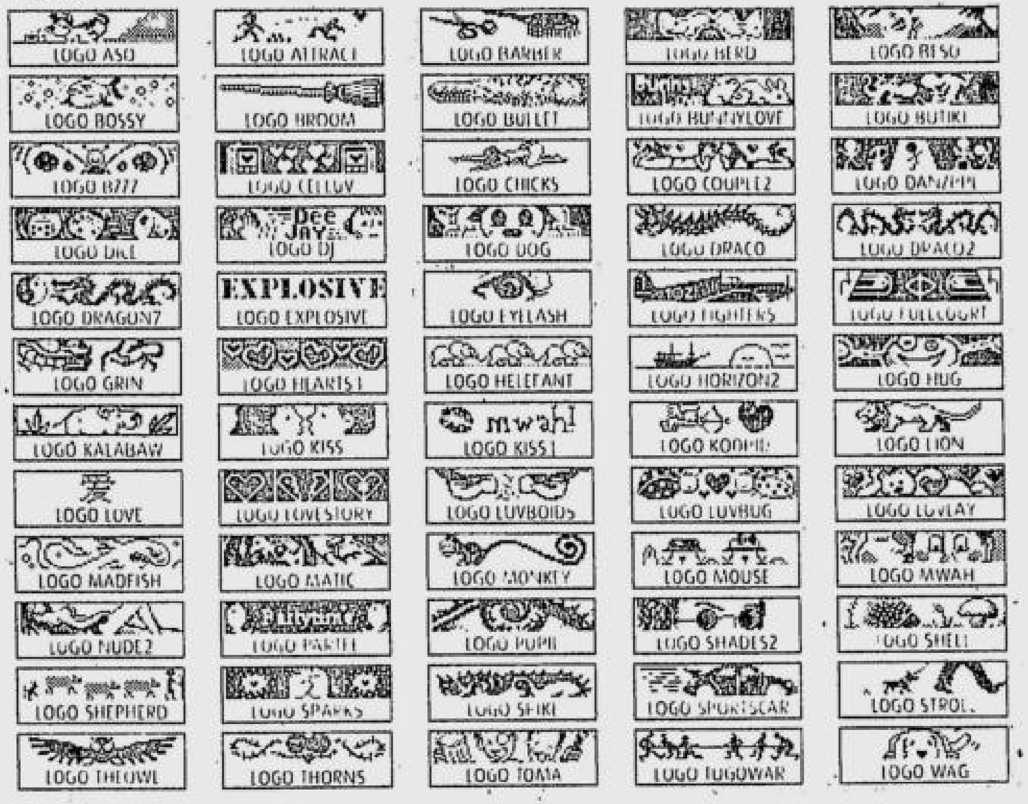
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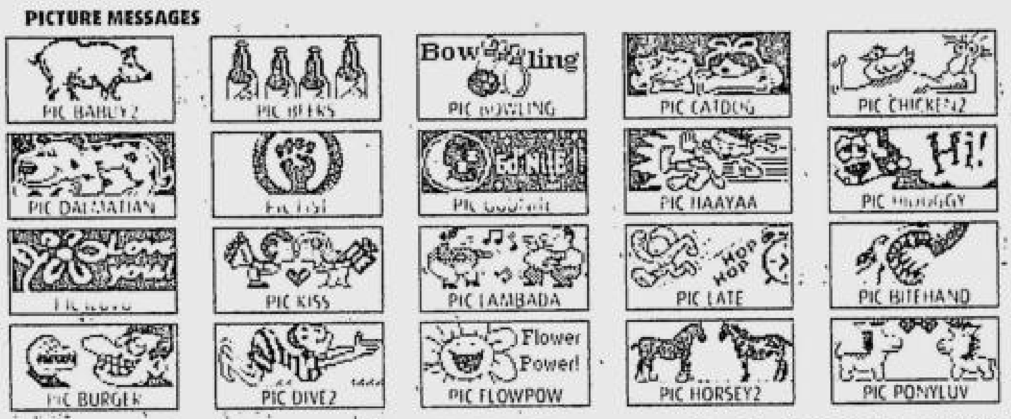
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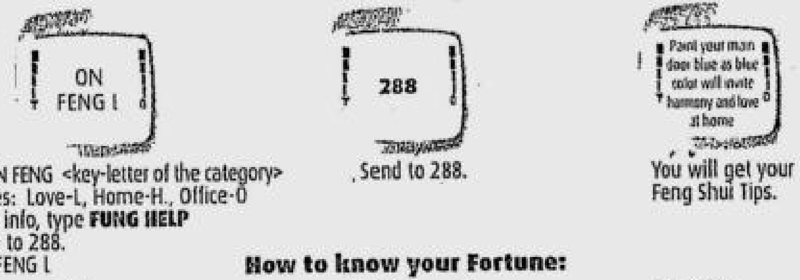
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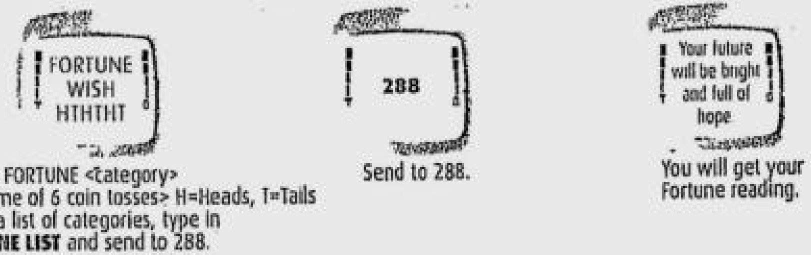
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■ Student survives death, taxi collision A24

POLICE are out in force at the Edsa Shrine to prevent a repeat of last year's chaotic conduct by supporters of ousted President Estrada following the celebration of the Edsa II revolt.

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PNP braces for Edsa II rites

By TJ Burgonio

THE NATIONAL police will deploy 3,000 of its men to secure the crowd and keep members of the "Edsa II forces" from encroaching on the Edsa Shrine in tomorrow's second anniversary celebration of the Edsa II revolt.

The military will also provide a company of soldiers to augment the police security forces, officials said.

The bulk of the policemen, including elements of civil disturbance management (CDM) units, will be fielded at the People Power Monument and Edsa Shrine, both on Edsa, said Chief Supt. Vidal Querol, police director for operations.

"We will keep members of the Edsa II forces from using the shrine as a stage for political gatherings," he said in a phone interview. "We have to abide by the wishes of the Church officials."

Querol has instructed officials of the National Capital Region Police Office to hold dialogues with leaders of the civil society groups to relay to them the wishes of the Church officials.

"If I were these groups, I should respect the wishes of the Church," he said.

Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin had earlier asked government leaders to desist from staging rallies at the shrine to prevent a repeat of its "desecration" by supporters of ousted President Joseph Estrada in May 2001.

A mob of Estrada loyalists held protest rallies at the shrine, which they left stinking of uncollected refuse, urine and feces. The loyalists then marched to Malacañang, laying siege to it on May 1, 2001. It came to be known as the Labor Day attack.

Leaders of civil society groups who played key roles in the ouster of Estrada in January 2001 have vowed to force their way to the Edsa Shrine, after a phalanx of policemen barred their way on Friday.

"On the 20th, we expect the barbed wire, the soldiers and the riot police to be removed," said Bayan secretary general Teodoro "Teddy" Casiño. "It's going to be the Edsa Shrine or nothing."

Casiño and leaders of the

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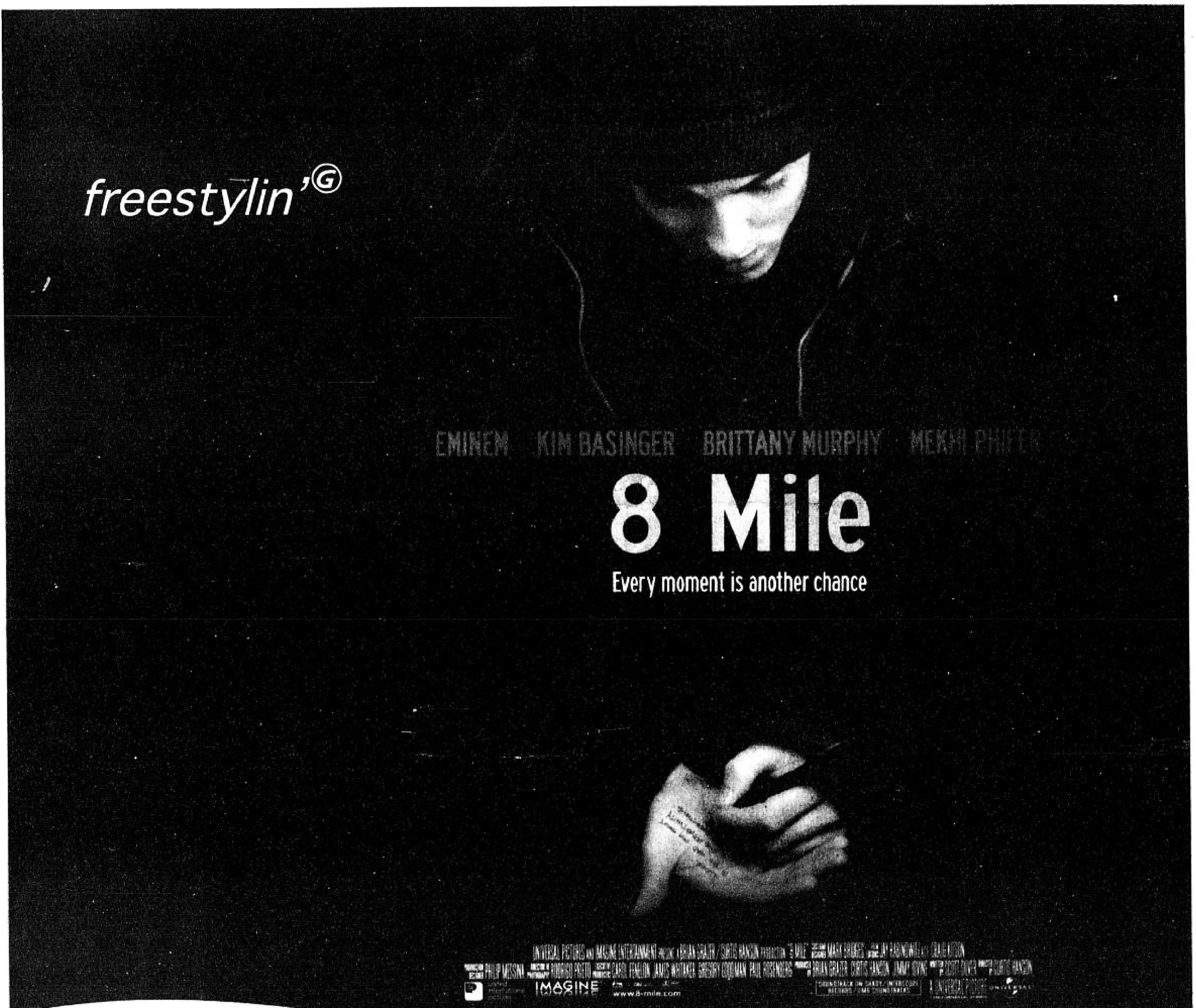
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Cardeño may not come out, Cervantes' lawyer says

By Leila Salaverria

DON'T expect fugitive lawman Supt. Rafael Cardeño to surrender right away.

This was according to Leonard de Vera, Cervantes family lawyer, who said Cardeño will only turn himself in once the witnesses to Baron Cervantes' slay have been neutralized.

"I honestly believe (Cardeño) will surrender only if there are no more witnesses," De Vera told the INQUIRER yesterday.

De Vera has denounced the move of confessed gunman ex-Marine Sgt. Joseph Mostrales to transfer from Camp Crame to the Las Piñas City Jail or the National Bureau of Investigation, calling the proposal "absurd."

Mostrales' lawyer Edgardo Era has said that Mostrales and his co-accused, Jaime Centeno and Erlindo Torres, were being harassed at Camp Crame.

"That may not be true," De Vera said of Era's claim. "What kind of harassment (are being done to the three)?"

The Cervantes family's lawyer has voiced fears that Era's request could be part of a set-up meant to silence the three witnesses, who have earlier pointed to Cardeño as the mastermind behind Baron's slay.

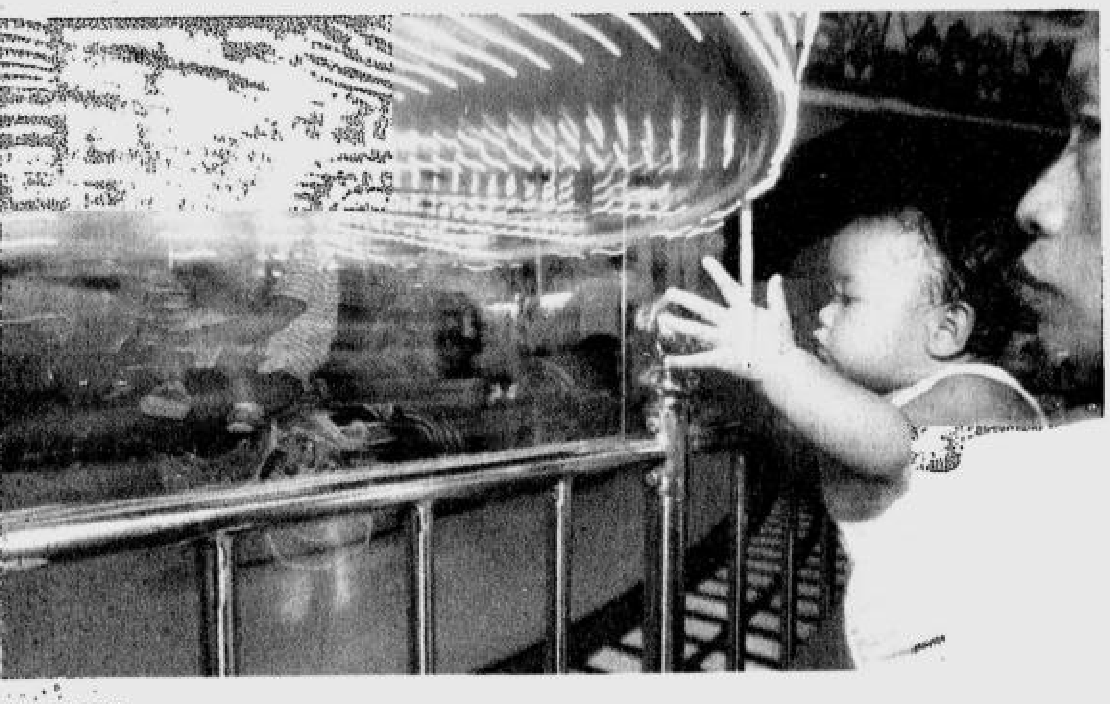
Mostrales had also tagged Eugene Radam, Rodolfo Patinio and Diosdado Santos as being involved in the crime as well. But the three men were later killed in a supposed shootout in Cavite.

De Vera also said that Mostrales, Torres and Centeno are safer at the former headquarters of the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force, where they are detained.

He said Mostrales could be easily liquidated by inmates at the Las Piñas City Jail, while the NBI headquarters is not that safe either, because a lot of people easily come and go there.

"Naktaf is safer," De Vera said.

Chief Supt. Romeo Maganto, whom the Cervantes family has personally chosen to hunt for Cardeño, said that the fugitive lawman is hesitating to surrender.



TRANCE
The holidays may be over for the rest of the world, save for this boy, who has that Christmas-like trance of a child, watching the swirl of colors in a whirling carousel at the Fiesta Carnival in Cubao, Quezon City.
DENNIS SABANGAN

Student survives death leap, taxi collision

By Jerome Aning

A SUICIDAL 19-year-old student miraculously survived a fall from a pedestrian overpass and the impact of a speeding taxi that broke his fall and dragged him in Sampaloc, Manila Friday night.

Danilo Visco, a resident of Catalina Street, Quezon City, suffered severe bone injuries, police said.

SPO4 Wilfredo Estomaquio of the city traffic police said the victim was seen climbing the roof of the overpass across España Street, in front of the University of Santo Tomas at around 10:45 p.m.

Upon reaching the roof, Visco jumped.

But his fall was broken when a south-bound taxi (TWK-654) driven by Cerilo Aquiles, 35, hit the student, dragging him for several meters.

Aquiles then took the victim to the Santo Tomas University Hospital.

Visco's sister, when informed by the police, refused to believe that her brother would take his own life.

SPO4 Estomaquio showed her a suicide note taken from Visco's wallet. Marlene requested the police not to divulge the contents of the note. She said she and Visco would resolve the problem within their family.

LLAMAS SLAY PROBE

NBI may be after wrong man, cops say

By Leila Salaverria

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation may be training their sights on Cola Ditato, but the Pasay police are not totally convinced that he is the killer of Ateneo Law School graduate Jose Ramon R. Llamas.

Pasay Police Chief Senior Supt. Oscar Catalan yesterday said he and his men are still looking for possible suspects in the case of Llamas, who was shot to death during a traffic altercation on Jan. 10 along Taft Avenue in Pasay.

"We're still in the process of looking for suspects," Catalan said. "We're not concentrating on Ditato as the killer."

Catalan also said that he still is not convinced that Ditato is the killer.

He added that he won't be convinced until the witness personally identifies the suspect face to face.

"It's not fair to Ditato (to be branded as the killer) if it's shown that he's not the gunman," he said.

Ditato was traced as the owner of the license plate on the motorcycle that Llamas' killer was using on the night the aspiring lawyer was gunned down.

An NBI witness earlier said he was 60 to 70 percent sure Ditato was the one who shot the 26-year-old Llamas.

The witness has said that he was able to get a good view of the killer after trailing him from the crime scene to a shopping mall.

Amid speculations that the suspect is a police officer, the police chief said he has ordered ten cops—six from Pasay and four from the Southern Police District—to appear in a lineup in front of the witnesses.

"None of them were identified as the killer," Catalan said, adding that the line-up of the police officers was done in the presence of Llamas' brother Raffy and members of the Aquila Legis fraternity, where Llamas was a member, in order to dispel doubts that he may be protecting his own.

But he added that although it is possible that the gunman may be a policeman, he is not inclined to believe so, judging by the names that have cropped up in the course of the investigation.

Catalan also said yesterday that the Pasay police are also looking for Ditato so the suspect can could shed light on the investigation.

"We're willing to go to Mindanao to look for (Ditato) there if it's proven that he has skipped Manila," he said.

NCRPO on alert for world family meet

By Alcuin Papa and Jerome Aning

OFFICIALS of the National Capital Region Police Office on Friday said that they are ready for the arrival of local and foreign delegates to the Fourth World Meeting of Families in Metro Manila.

NCRPO chief Deputy Director Gen. Reynaldo Velasco said he has already set up "Task Force Bantay Pamilya" to secure the five-day international event to be held on Jan. 22 until Jan. 26.

In a letter of instruction issued to the five district directors of Metro Manila, Velasco called for a "maximum security coverage in all areas" where the major activities of the Fourth World Meeting of Families will be held.

Velasco has tapped Western Police District Director Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong and Southern Police District Chief Supt. Jose Gutierrez to head the new task force.

Also, the Manila city government has mobilized 600 youth volunteers to act as marshals during the world meet.

Among the volunteers are members of the city's Sangguniang Kabataan, Manila Sports Council athletes, students and community based youth groups.

Some 6,000 delegates from 130 countries, representing Catholic dioceses, Episcopal conferences, pro-life and pro-family movements and organizations worldwide, are expected to participate in the event.

Hide-and-seekers stumble on body of rape victim

By Leila Salaverria

RONNIE Palma's game of hide-and-seek with his friends on Friday afternoon came to an abrupt end when he stumbled onto the decomposing body of a young, naked woman believed to have been raped in a forested area at the back of the GSIS building in Pasay City.

Palma, a 25-year-old vendor, told police that he was trying to look for his friends, who were hiding as part of their game, when he noticed a foul smell.

He said that when he went to investigate the source of the smell, he discovered the body. Palma then alerted his friends, who reported the matter to the police.

Police estimate the victim to be around 15 to 17 years old. She was 5 feet tall and had shoulder length hair.

The victim was naked when found. A cloth was wrapped around her head.

Her skull was bashed in, her legs were spread-eagled and her hands were above her head when she was found, police said.

Investigators believe that the victim had been raped before she was killed.

Police found a pair of black panties, a black bra and a white T-shirt nearby, as well as a pair of men's underwear colored dirty white near the body.

The body was brought to the Rizal Funeral Parlor for autopsy.

Stop using confidential agents, Wycoco warns NBI field men

By Jerome Aning

NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation Chief Reynaldo Wycoco has again reminded his men to stop using confidential agents in their investigative work.

Wycoco said that those who continue to use CAs will be "disciplined administratively" if caught.

Confidential agents who are caught participating in operations and committing abuses will be charged with usurpation of authority and illegal possession of firearms, Wycoco said.

The NBI recently reshuffled half of its regional office in Central Visayas following a botched anti-drug operation in Cebu last December.

It was later learned that the NBI field men were accompanied by mediamen acting as confidential agents.

As a result, Wycoco issued an order suspending six of the 13 bureau agents of the regional office who participated in the operation.

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Bodies turn up in Pasig River

ERLINDA B. Santiago, 44, was about to answer the call of nature inside an abandoned barangay hall early morning Thursday when she saw a ghastly sight in the Pasig River in Manila. Santiago saw the bodies of two men in the river floating near the corner of Muelle dela Industria and Muelle de Binondo, said Detective Edgardo Ko of the Western Police District. Ko believes that both men were victims of summary execution. He said one victim was about 43 years old, about 5-foot-6, fair, and was wearing cream-colored pants, and a brown leather shoe on his right foot. The other victim was about 53, also about 5-foot-6, medium-built, and barefooted. After lawmen fished out the bodies, they searched the abandoned barangay hall and found the missing leather shoe of the first victim. But Ko believes that the victims were killed elsewhere and the bodies dumped in that part of the river "to mislead investigators."

Philip Tubeza

Man gets life for Loyola Heights murder

QUEZON City Judge Jose Catral Mendoza yesterday sentenced construction worker Nixon Majait, 23, to life imprisonment for killing Benita Morales, 62, during a robbery attempt in Quezon City three years ago. Judge Mendoza of the QC Regional Trial Court also ordered Majait to pay the heirs of Morales P156,000 in damages. Court records showed that Majait, of Dalig Uno, Antipolo City, was working on a house in Loyola Heights, Quezon City, when he decided to steal the electrical wires of his employer because he needed the money, according to court witness Rogelio Espinosa, a co-worker of Majait. Espinosa told the court that on the night of July 23, 2000, he heard a commotion outside the room of Morales, a housemaid. When he peeped inside the room, he saw four men covering the victim's mouth while Majait stabbed her. Espinosa reported the matter to the police, who arrested Majait shortly after the incident.

Agnes Donato

Cubao boy gets 12 years for drug raps

FOR POSSESSING less than a gram of marijuana, a 14-year-old boy was sentenced on Wednesday to spend 12 years in detention. Judge Abednego Adre of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court also ordered the boy, an out-of-school youth from Cubao, Quezon City, to pay a fine of P300,000. This came after the young convict pleaded guilty of possessing 0.44 grams of dried marijuana leaves last October. Because of the boy's plea, the judge handed down a lighter penalty of 12 years in prison. Court records showed that the boy was arrested at around 11:30 p.m. last Oct. 8 at the corner of Aurora Boulevard and N. Domingo Street, Cubao. He is currently under the custody of social workers at the Molave Youth Homes.

Agnes Donato

Guard killed at QC

CRIMINOLOGY graduate Jerry Bayani, who was working as a security guard of St. Francis Village in Quezon City, was stabbed dead at his post early Thursday morning. Central Police District lawmen said Bayani, 26, of St. Francis Village, Barangay San Bartolome, Quezon City, was declared dead on arrival at the Novaliches District Hospital. SPO1 Ramon Fernandez, said Bayani was on duty at the guard outpost of the village when an unidentified man stabbed him 10 times at around 1:45 a.m. Another security guard discovered the victim's bloody remains at the outpost. According to investigators, the victim had plans of joining the police force.

Alcuin Papa

PUP honors PRC examinees

THE ADMINISTRATION of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines College of Arts will give a testimonial dinner in honor of the Library and Information Science students who passed the Licensure Examination given by the Professional Regulation Commission on November 2002.

The testimonial dinner will be on Jan. 24, 3 p.m., at the Conference Room, PUP, Sta. Mesa Manila.

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PNP braces ...

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Bayan Muna party-list group, Estrada Resign Movement and the Council on Philippine Affairs, were among the groups that tried to light candles at the shrine on Friday, but they were stopped by anti-riot policemen.

Lt. Col. Michael Manquiquiz, assistant chief for the armed forces' public information office, said that an estimated 120 soldiers from the Navy and Air Force will be deployed at the People Power Monument and Edsa Shrine tomorrow.

"They will augment the security personnel to be provided by the PNP," he said.

Kakampi ng Naaapi! Magbabalik na!

Katya Santos: I'm ready for my nude shots

By Remy M. Umerez
Contributor

MORE and more people, particularly men, are recognizing her face and body even before they know her name, but Katya Santos does not mind. She will even admit that after four years in show biz, she cannot boast of any achievement that can make people remember her name.

Sure, she played the bratty daughter of Maritoni Fernandez in the afternoon TV soap opera "Anna Karenina," but young teleserye villains are a dime a dozen. She will also even admit that she was not outstanding in that TV role, although she does appreciate the exposure that it gave her.

"I want to establish a name," says the Pampanga native who, despite her bold change of image, can still be described as "sweet." "I want to be popular, like Rica Peralejo and Maui Taylor. I don't want people to say *na palaging pang*-supporting *na lang ang* beauty ko. This is the main reason I'm shaking off my wholesome image."

Right time

What exactly does she mean by shaking off her wholesome image?

"Going bold and doing it all the way," the daring Katya says without batting an eyelash. "Actually, I had offers to do bold roles before. Viva wanted me to do 'Scorpio Nights 2,' 'Tatarin' as well as 'Balahibong Pusa.' But I was 16 then, still a minor. I felt I wasn't ready. I thought now is the right time. I'm 20 and I think I'm old enough to decide for myself."

Her parents don't mind seeing their daughter exposing her breasts and doing torrid love scenes with her leading men on screen?

"My father is not keen about the idea," Katya confesses. "He told me, '*sige, bahala ka, katawan mo 'yan.*' My elder brother is not saying anything. I guess he shares my father's feelings. The rest of my family understand. Finally, they said, *hindi na raw ako pang*-support *lang*."

And what does her boyfriend say about her bold move?

"We broke off even before I decided I would go bold," she says. "I don't want to enter into any new relationships now. I want to focus on my movie career. I don't want to disappoint my producers who are putting their trust and confidence in me.

"I turned down bold-role offers three times already. I don't want to look back one day and regret that I didn't take the chance when I had it."

FEARLESS FEMALE. Katya Santos says she has nothing to hide.

Everywhere

In "Sukdulan," the gutsy Katya plays Elaine, a young wife who works as a night-shift toll booth clerk. Confined in her tiny booth, she feels trapped, literally and figuratively. Then she meets Rick (Carlo Maceda), a handsome, amoral building contractor. With their every sexual encounter, Elaine becomes more daring and matches Rick's appetite for life as well as for sex.

Talk about shedding her wholesome image. In "Sukdulan," Katya and Carlo are shown having sex in the comfort room, in a car, on the beach. And, yes, in the bedroom, too.

"I don't know if they will add more sexy scenes," Katya says of the movie. "So far, I've had two breast exposures. *Kung gusto pa nilang dagdagan*, ready *ako*."

Raymund Bagatsing plays the husband of Katya's character. She says her bed scenes with him are even wilder than those she did with Carlo.

'Workshop'

"(Raymund's character) is sexually inadequate," she explains. "To get himself aroused, he has to watch X-rated movies first. *Nagkaroon nga ako ng* pimples after doing those scenes with Raymund *dahil sa talas ng balbas niya*. Raymund is one actor who really gets into his role."

How would she describe her love scenes with Carlo?

"They are entirely different since romance plays an important factor in them," she says. "*Mas may* feeling."

Carlo is the grand prize winner in the Mossimo Bikini Summit 2002 that culminated in Boracay last summer. He is the second Mossimo winner to sign a contract with Viva, the first being Jordan Herrera, who placed second to Carlo.

Katya claims she got nervous just thinking that she would have to bare her body in "Sukdulan." But she says that in preparation for the actual filming, she did have a "workshop."

Away from the cameras, she took off her clothes in front of her male co-stars, *para raw hindi ako ma*-conscious during the actual shooting."

Even "Sukdulan" director Mac Alejandre went through a change of sorts. Before this, Alejandre has been known for doing wholesome and glossy movies. The "Sukdulan" story is by another young director, Erik Matti, and the screenplay is by Edgar Ilao.

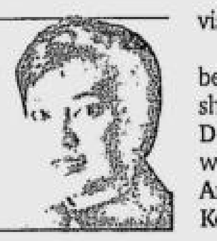
Does Katya think she's different from the other bold stars and starlets in the business?

"Acting-wise, I am much ahead of them," the fearless young woman declares. "I've been on TV.

"And what you see is all real," she adds, referring to her body and its parts. "*Walang ipinaayos*. I came from a family of 'big' women. My vital statistics are 36-26-34."

There's no stopping her now. "I have no skeletons in the closet," she says. "*At lalong wala akong itinatagong anak*."

Ruffa: Yilmaz is the perfect guy for me



SHOWBIZ TIDBITS
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RUFFA Gutierrez has never been more excited in her life as she is now. With her grand altar date scheduled on March 25, Ruffa has been engrossed in frenzied of preparations since the start of the year.

Shuttling between Istanbul (where her boyfriend of three years, **Yilmaz Bektas**, is based) and Manila has been Ruffa's routine since last month. The other Friday, she arrived from Turkey, but after barely a week in Manila, she left again last Thursday.

She and Yilmaz are set to go to Paris and Italy to look for a designer to do Ruffa's wedding gowns. Yes, she will need two gowns, one for the Manila wedding on March 25 and the other for the Turkish ceremony in Istanbul on May 11, the couple's third anniversary.

The original plan was to have only one grand wedding in a palace in Istanbul. However, Ruffa's irrepressible mom, **Annabelle Rama**, wouldn't agree to that. Ruffa, after all, is the eldest child and only girl in a brood of six children.

Annabelle also initially said no to the wedding, when Ruffa and Yilmaz first asked for her blessing last November.

"On New Year's eve, we called her from Las Vegas and that was the only time she said yes," Ruffa shares. "But she cried for two days after that. My dad (**Eddie Gutierrez**) *naman*, it was okay for him the first time Yilmaz told him about our plan of getting married. My dad is very understanding. But my parents both agreed to host my *despedida de soltera*, so that's what my mom is busy planning about."

Ruffa admits she originally wanted to be a June bride.

"My birthday also falls in June but from my previous experiences, there was always a typhoon every time I would have a party," Ruffa says.

"The other plan was also to have the wedding early next year, after my contract with GMA 7's soap series, 'Habang Kapiling Ka,' expires this November. But Yilmaz couldn't wait that long, so we decided to have it in March."

Ruffa is grateful to GMA 7 for releasing her from her network contract as one of the stars of "Habang Kapiling Ka." She wrapped up her final taping day last Wednesday, a day before she left for Turkey.

"They left the story open-ended for my character, Venus, so I can come back anytime," Ruffa grants.

GMA 7 executive **Wilma Galvante**, Ruffa says, is one of the principal sponsors in the wedding.

"I'm very thankful to my GMA family because they understand my situation," Ruffa says. "After my final taping, the staff even sent flowers to my house."

The March 25 wedding will be a garden ceremony to be held at the NBC Tent at The Fort and will be witnessed by 800 guests. Nearly a hundred will be Yilmaz's relatives, who will fly in from Turkey, according to Ruffa.

"It's the first time for Yilmaz's relatives to come to Manila," Ruffa says. "After the wedding, they can go on vacation to Amanpulo and Boracay."

The Turkish civil wedding on May 11 will be held in a historical palace in Istanbul, to be officiated by a mayor.

"Even if it's only a civil wedding, it will also be extravagant because that's how they really do it in Turkey," Ruffa explains. "Let me be a princess even for a day."

After the March wedding, Ruffa and Yilmaz will go to the United States. Following their Istanbul altar date in June is a vacation in the south of France, where they will visit Sardinia and Portofino.

Ruffa's secondary sponsors will be composed of her friends from show biz, Los Angeles and London. **Donita Rose** is the maid of honor, while **Vina Morales**, **Sharmaine Arnaiz** and Yilmaz's younger sister **Kesra** are the bridesmaids.

Inno Sotto will do the gowns of the entourage. Bridesmaids and Company has been hired as the wedding coordinator. Chef **Margarita Fores** will prepare the Turkish-Moroccan cuisine for the reception.

Ruffa points out that although she is marrying Yilmaz who is a Muslim, their wedding will be a religious ceremony.

"It's not about religion or about faith," Ruffa insists. "It's the union of two souls from different backgrounds. It's about two people falling in love.

"I'm not changing my religion just to marry Yilmaz. He is not forcing me to convert to Muslim."

The 28-year-old Ruffa believes she is now ready to get married.

"I've been through a lot, both good and bad," she owns up. "I'm emotionally stable and also spiritually prepared. I want to start a family. I want to have little Ruffas and Yilmazes.

"I want many children, preferably twins. It's about time. I'm of age. My contemporaries in show biz are now married with kids. Some of them even have second husbands now."

The actress-beauty queen, who had her share of controversial relationships in the past, is certain she has found the right guy to spend the rest of her life with. Yilmaz, who's 28 like Ruffa, is also the eldest in a brood of four. He has eight older brothers from his dad's previous marriage.

"I wish I had found Yilmaz earlier on in my life," Ruffa says. "I know he's the perfect guy for me. I can grow old with him. I'm sure I'll be with him in sickness and in health, for better or for worse."

Ruffa is even giving up her show biz career in favor of domestic bliss. After her wedding, she will face up to a new life as wife to Yilmaz in Istanbul.

"I never sacrificed anything for love," Ruffa says. "It was always my career first. It's about time I give priority to my heart.

"But I will not be a simple housewife in Istanbul. There's no way I'd be like that or else, I'd be so bored. Yilmaz wants me to start a business there. We will shuttle between New York, London, Manila and Turkey."

Ruffa says her wedding is yet to be the biggest and most important event in her life.

"I want it to be meaningful and I want everything to be perfect," she says. "There's no reason for me to be nervous. But it's not really the wedding that's important. It's what will happen after that. It's the marriage."

Valentine show

RUFFA is expected to be back in Manila first week of February, to help promote the Valentine concert that her family outfit, Royal Era Entertainment, will mount on Feb. 11 at the Grand Ballroom of Dusit Hotel in Makati.

"My Naughty Funny Valentine" brings back the hilarious tandem of **Rico J. Puno** and **Rosanna Roces**, who first teamed up in a sold-out show also produced by Royal Era in October last year.

"That show was so successful and after that, there was clamor for us to bring back Rico J and Osang," Ruffa grants.

So this time, Annabelle made sure she has the bigger venue to accommodate all those who want to watch.

Floy Quintos has been commissioned to write the script and direct "My Naughty Valentine." Guest performers are **Eddie Gutierrez** and **Pilita Corrales**. The show is a benefit for the Asilo Medalla Milagrosa orphanage of Cebu.

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READY FOR THE PLUNGE. Ruffa Gutierrez is giving up her show biz career in favor of domestic bliss.

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Victor wants fresher approach to his career

NERI. Sharing a part of himself on GMA 7's soap series, "Habang Kapiling Ka."

By Marinel R. Cruz

FOR an actor to portray a role effectively, Victor Neri says one must be willing to share a part of himself.

So whenever Victor acts on the big screen or TV, like his character Julius on GMA 7's daily soap series "Habang Kapiling Ka," he always adds a little something of himself to the character.

"When you portray half of yourself and half of the character, you can't go wrong," Victor says.

In the widely followed TV soap, Victor is paired with Angelika dela Cruz's character Erica, who was deprived of a luxurious life that was rightfully hers when she was swapped at birth with another infant.

The story sees Victor, Angelika and budding actor Railey Veleroso in a love triangle. But now that Erica has chosen childhood sweetheart Julius over Railey's rich-boy character Pierre Paolo, Victor and Angelika are most often seen together on screen.

Spending considerable time with Angelika during taping must have ignited something special between Victor and the actress. The buzz is loud that the two are now romantically involved.

Friendship

Although Victor and Angelika are mum about the real score, the two stars undeniably display their special feelings for each other.

Victor said his friendship with Angelika dates back to 1999, when they did the tele-sine "Liwanag ng Hating Gabi," also for GMA 7. He said he did not pay much attention to Angelika until a few months before they started taping for "Habang Kapiling Ka." He confessed to dating the actress since that time.

"Though I don't find anything wrong about two adults dating, our relationship is really nothing more than MU (mutual understanding)," shares Victor.

But when asked about any plans to settle down at 26, Victor hints it is Angelika who's keeping him from getting married.

"Yes, I am ready to have a family, but I'm not in a hurry," he says. "Besides, Angel is only 21. She said she wants to take everything slow."

The actor disclosed he had been introduced to Angelika's parents and found them to be "very nice."

Victor has a two-year-old love child, Vitto, from a previous relationship with a non-show biz girl. He said Angelika has already seen his son twice.

Attentive

Victor says Vitto is very much like him—quiet but very attentive. He normally visits his son every weekend and takes him to his house in Greenhills.

"I couldn't believe that my son is growing up so much like me," Victor says.

He finds Angelika to be very patient with kids, especially to Vitto.

"She has a three-year-old sister, so that makes her an expert in dealing with children," Victor grants.

He said his quiet and easy demeanor is very different from Angelika's.

"She's so talkative and childlike that I sometimes feel like I'm taking care of a 12-year-old kid," he says.

But Angelika's bubbly side was what endeared the actress to Victor. He said he easily falls for someone thoughtful and caring, like Angel.

Taping for "Habang Kapiling Ka" takes up most of Victor's time lately. He devotes three to four days a week for the soap series.

"With a very tight schedule like what we have, I hardly have time for anything else. *Ang* soap opera *na ang buhay ko*," he says.

However, Victor says he still manages to squeeze in other forms of recreation to his tight schedule. He likes to play golf, go motorcross riding, sweat it out at the gym or

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Victor wants fresher approach to his career

From page A25

practice with his rock band Evenstar.

"We play all-original songs," Victor says of his band. "My band mates and I have been at it for quite some time now, but we play only for close friends and in exclusive parties."

No bad blood

Victor was a contract star of ABS-CBN for 12 years before he signed up for a one-year contract with GMA 7. He pointed out though there was no bad blood between him and Channel 2.

"After 12 years, I just want a new environment and a fresher approach to my show biz career," Victor explains. "In fact, ABS-CBN says I can come back anytime."

Victor belongs to the first batch of Star Circle talents launched by ABS-CBN in 1996, with Maricel Morales, Regine Tolentino, Jackie Manzano, Cholo Escaño and the late Rico Yan as members.

Victor was last seen on the big screen as Alma Moreno's husband Edwin, who lost his legs in a vehicular accident in "Kapalit," shown last year. He was also in the cast of "Videoke King," which starred Robin Padilla and Pops Fernandez.

"Habang Kapiling Ka" airs from Mondays to Fridays after "Frontpage." It also stars Ruffa Gutierrez, Albert Martinez, Tonton Gutierrez, Snooky Serna, Chin-Chin Gutierrez, Alma Moreno, Chynna Ortaleza, Richard Gutierrez and Toni Gonzaga. The TV soap is directed by Maryo J. delos Reyes.

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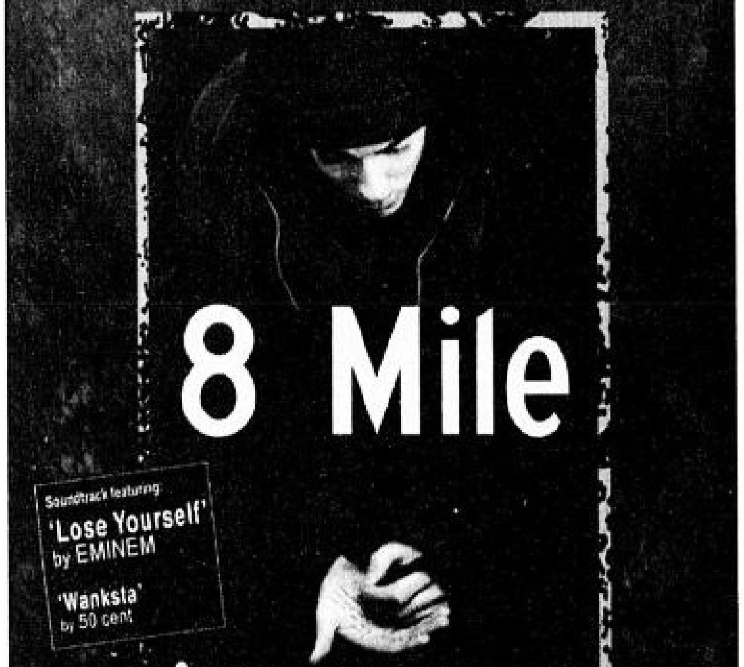
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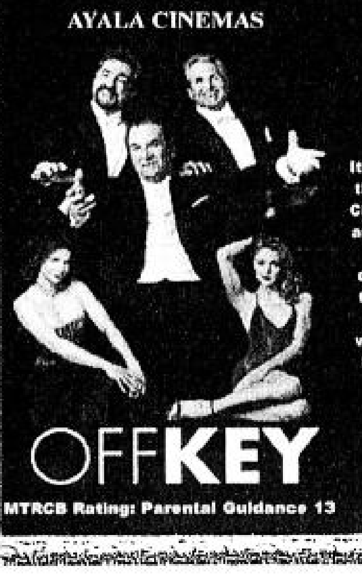
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Off Key, aka Desafinado, is a Spanish comedy made in English featuring an international cast.

It is the story of three operatic tenors who performed all over the world together, until a disastrous performance in Mexico City, where they split for good. Now, they are getting together at the French Villa for the wedding of one of the three tenors to the daughter of another. To further complicate things, the bride's mother is married to the third trio member now. The father of the bride, who has fallen on hard times, hires a hooker to accompany him, and to help with his plot to reunite the trio as performers. The groom-to-be has a son, who isn't really his, and who secretly has the hots for the bride's mother.

Starring:
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VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

"THE LORD of the Rings: The Two Towers" is a long film but it's so good that viewers don't feel it. In fact, it's better-paced and has greater scope than the first film, "Fellowship of the Rings." Its actors' performances are more moving, it has prodigiously exciting battle scenes, and its new computer-generated characters, Gollum and Treebeard, are wonderfully achieved.

In fact, the biggest problem with "The Two Towers" isn't that big a deal: it shifts the focus from Frodo Baggins to Aragorn, Legolas and its other, more dynamic "warrior" characters.

That's not really a major flaw, since Frodo's cuteness has begun to turn green around the edges, anyway, and viewers are ready for more substantial themes and interrelationships, which are what this sequel provides, in hugely satisfying heaps.

Its best thematic suit is vivified by the inspiring union between a human (Aragorn), an elf (Legolas) and a dwarf (Gimli), who balk at nothing in their courageous effort to stop the forces of the evil Saruman from achieving their mission to exterminate the human race.

This Union of three disparate creatures is inspiring because it shows that we can all work together to achieve a noble goal, even if we are radically different from each other.

An interesting device employed in the sequel is its intercutting between three separate groups of protagonists—Aragorn's troika; Frodo and his sidekick Sam; and the two other hobbits, Merry and Pippin—who have been separated from Frodo.

This makes the film more eventful, because slow or weak moments are edited out from each of the three journeys, so mostly exciting, beautiful or moving moments are left in.

The central journey is the one taken by Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli, because they revive the human Kingdom of Rohan by freeing its king from the spell woven by an evil lord. Once restored to his old, dynamic self, King Theoden finally decides to stop running away from Saruman's monstrous forces, and defends the human race to the death.

As it turns out, this is where the film's three separate groups of protagonists eventually meet again, on the battlefield where the quintessential war between good and evil is fought all over again.

This dramatic conjunction is beautifully achieved, because the good warriors' ultimate victory is won not just by humans, elves and dwarfs, but also by hobbits, ents (giant trees that walk), wizards—etc.! There's the unity theme in full play again, and it's heartening to behold.

—Especially since the final battle looks for the most part like a rout for the human race. After all, only 300 of them are ranged against at least 10,000 monsters from hell!

Viewers feelings of dread are intensified by the creative and dynamic way that the long and complex battle is staged, with Saruman's forces coming up with a series of terrifying surprises, each one more deadly than the one before.

Despite their best (or worst) efforts, however, the good forces come together miraculously just when the battle seems lost, and victory is wrenched from the very jaws of defeat.

Another inspiring theme that's given major emphasis in this sequel is the need for everyone to come together to protect the environment. This can sound terribly pompous, but the film's handling of it is much more natural and convincing.

It shows this theme at work when Pippin and Merry are saved by Treebeard and the other tree creatures known as ents. The hobbits plead with the ents to help the humans in their lopsided battle against Saruman's warriors, but their plea is ignored. However, when Treebeard sees other trees being cut up to stoke Saruman's furnaces, he realizes that nothing can come from noninvolvement, and he orders the ents to join the fray.

Aside from the computer-generated Treebeard, Gollum is also fascinating, but in a very different way. That's another thing we like about "The Two Towers": it regales and thrills viewers with a veritable cornucopia of varied cinematic riches and wonders. But the best of its bests is its memorable visual and emotional poetry, proving that its maker, Peter Jackson, is a true artist of the cinema.

Icons of '60s music form Rockin' Revival

IT WAS in the summer of 1986 when Rockin' Revival was conceptualized by the late Eddie Nicolas of the Moonstrucks, one of the pioneer revival bands in the local music industry.

Rockin' Revival's first major exposure was at the Bistro RJ along Pasay Road in Makati.

Through all these years, Rockin' Revival has consistently performed with the same vigor and enthusiasm, despite the entry of new members.

The band has been under six generations of members, all of them coming from big names in the '60s and '70s bands like the Moonstrucks, Hi-Jacks, Electros, Deltas, Bits and Pieces, Frolics and Dynasouls to name a few.

From Bistro RJ, Rockin' Revival has made waves in different clubs, hotels, bars, music lounges and ballrooms across the country, from as far north as Bengued, Abra, mid-south Cebu and down south in Davao City.

ROCKIN' REVIVAL. Busy first quarter schedule.

In Metro Manila, the group has performed at Studebaker's, Tavern on the Square International Pub, Audiotorium, Zu at Shangri-La Makati and Century Park Sheraton.

At present, the group has been drawing crowds at Le Boulevardier at Inter-Con Manila on Fridays.

In February, Rockin' Revival will regularly perform Monday nights at Dish at the 3rd level of Rockwell's Power Plant mall.

The group will also perform Wednesdays at The Forum at the Podium.

Rockin' Revival is composed of Sonny Nicolas on vocals and guitar, Butch Sabater on keyboards and synthesizers, Tony Huelves on guitar and vocals, Percy Benitez on drums and vocals, Roy Reyes on bass and vocals, Boy Mendez on lead vocals.

The newest member is Cathy Castañeda, formerly a frontliner of the Music Making Company.

For Rockin' Revival booking inquiries, call Yoli Celdran at 725-2514 or 727-4367.

'Biggest ballroom party' at Island Cove in Cavite

ISLAND Cove Resort in Kawit, Cavite will hold "Wow! The Big Ballroom Beats," at the Purple Ostrich bar, disco and concert hall on Tuesday, Jan. 21, starting 7 p.m.

The event features the Arizona Ballroom Company (ABC), the largest dance studio in Tucson, Arizona.

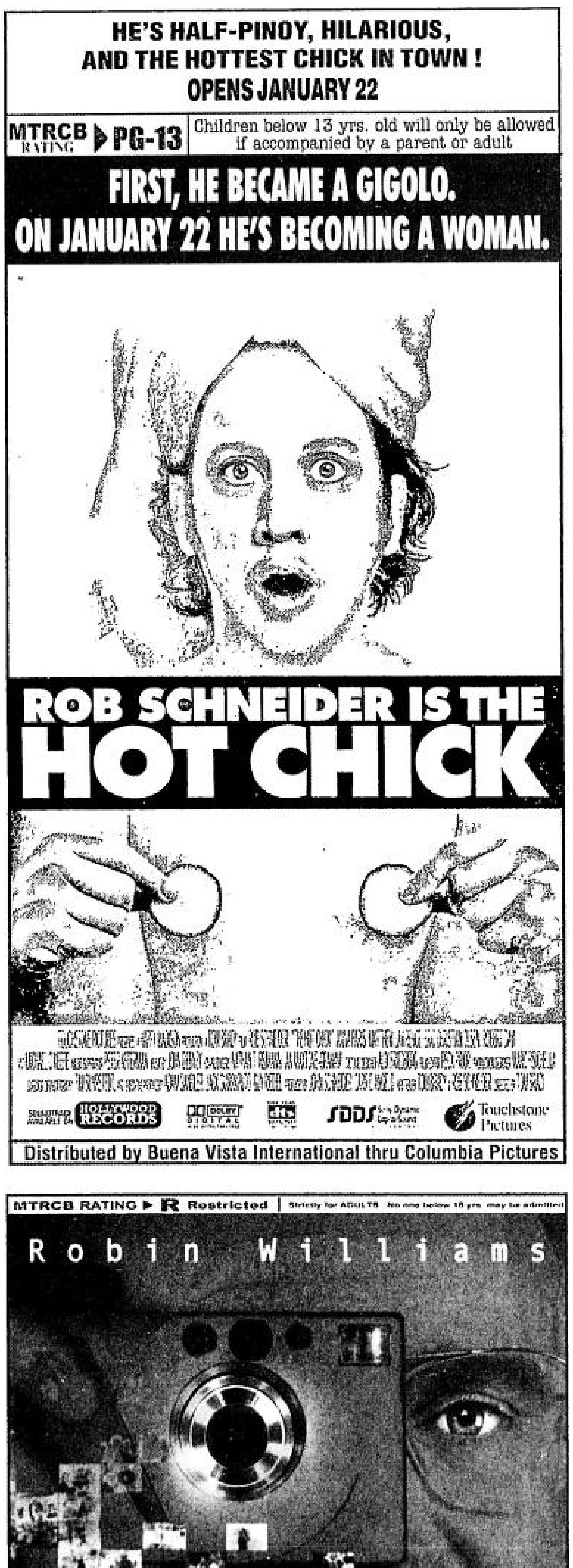
Island Cove calls the event "the biggest ballroom dinner party of the year."

ABC dancers led by the company founder, Alan Daughenbaugh, are licensed professional dancers and are certified by the National Dance Council of America Inc. They have been winning awards in dance competitions in Arizona as well as in other parts of the US.

Island Cove Resort and Tour Line Resource Management coordinated with Daughenbaugh and Cecilia Knauss to bring ABC dance instructors and students to perform "smooth" numbers like waltz, foxtrot, Viennese waltz, tango, and quick step and rhythm dances like the East Coast swing, rhumba, mambo, cha-cha and salsa.

A highlight of the Big Ballroom Beats is a competition in tango, swing and boogie.

Tickets are for P800 with dinner and P500 for party only. For reservation and competition registration, call Island Cove at (02) 810-7340 or 810-3728 in Makati, (046) 434-0210 in Cavite or the toll-free numbers (02) 810-3718, 810-3732 and 810-3764.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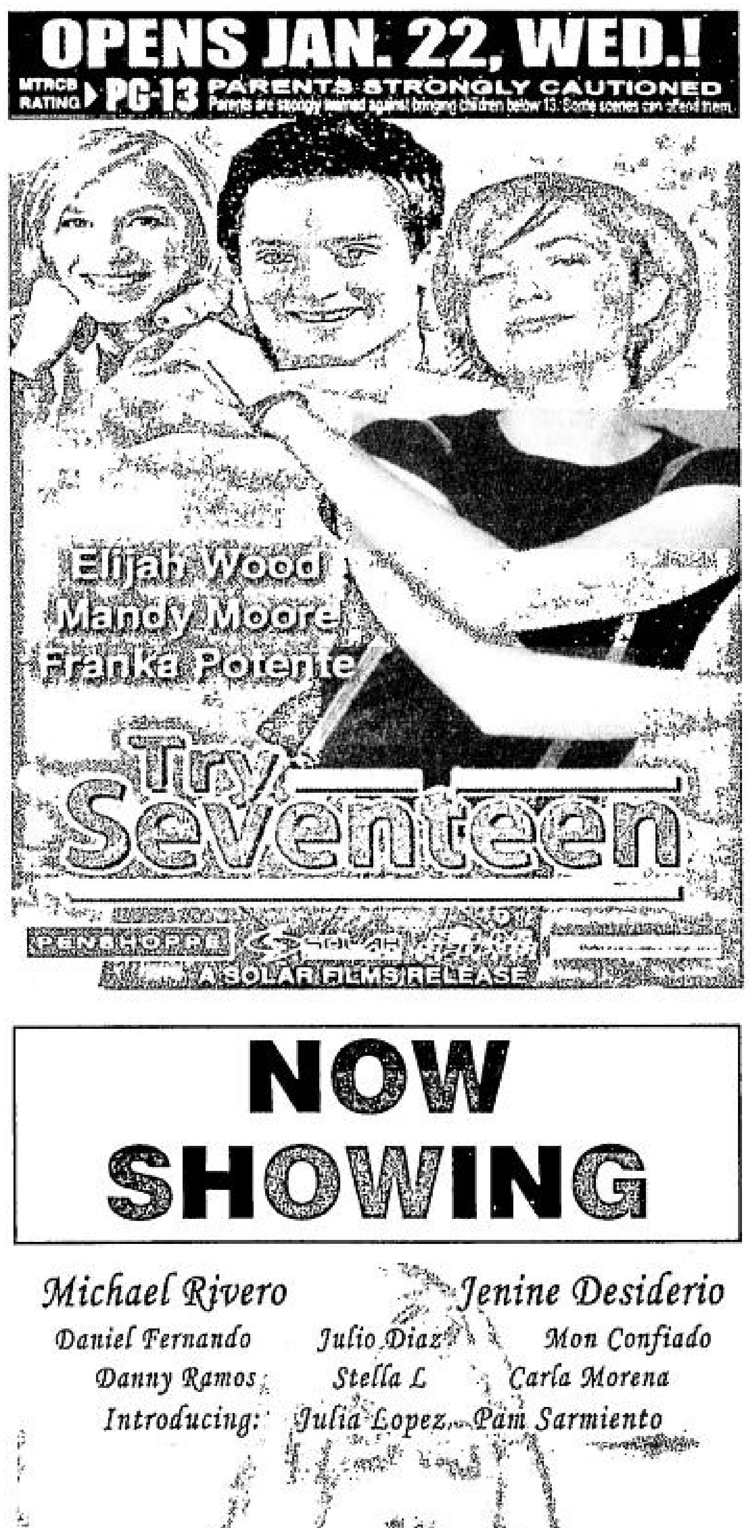
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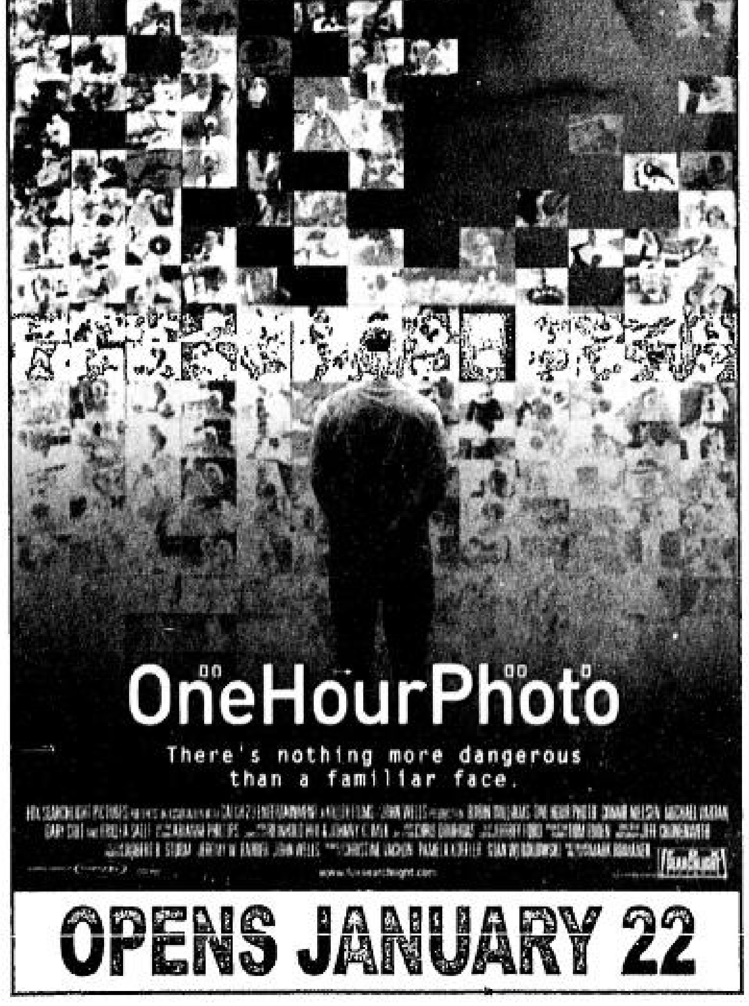
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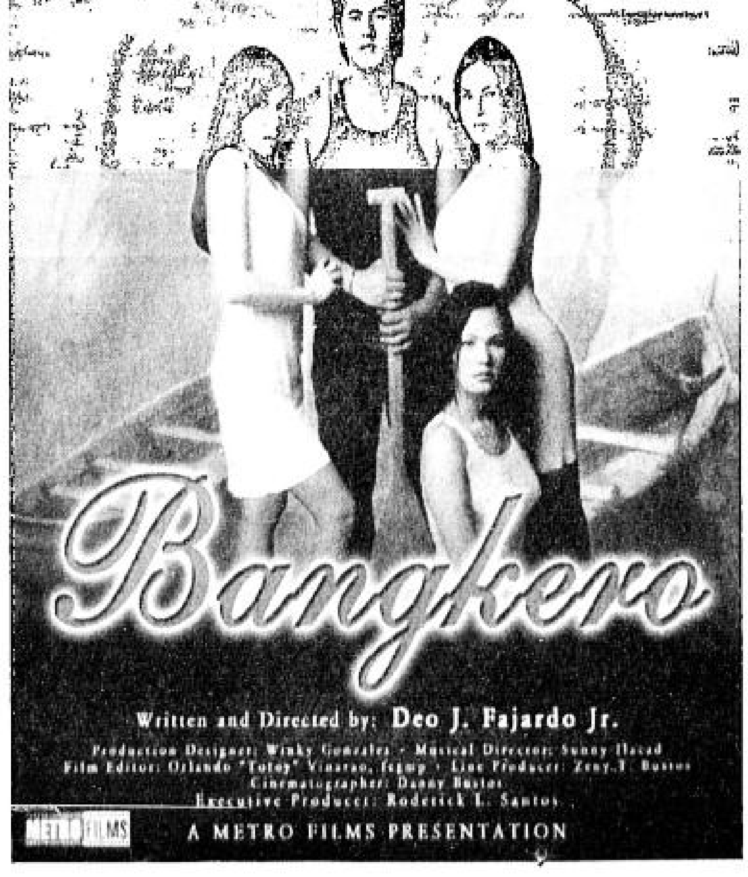

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ENTERTAINMENT

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KEATING. Now enjoying worldwide fame as solo artist.

Ronan Keating in one-night Valentine show

RONAN Keating, the popular former Boyzone frontman who gained international acclaim as a solo artist with such hit singles as "When You Say Nothing at All" and "Life Is A Rollercoaster," is coming to Manila to perform in a Valentine concert, Feb. 13 at the Araneta Coliseum in Cubao, Quezon City.

Titled "Destination Manila," the one-night-only Valentine show is the fourth leg of the Irish singer's seven-nation Asian tour to promote his newest album, "Destination." Other stops in his itinerary are Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Brunei and Hong Kong.

The concert is presented in part by MTV (official music channel) and MCA Universal (official record company).

Tickets at P3,000 (patron A and B), P2,500 (lower box), P1,250 (upper box A), P600 (upper box B) and P300 (general admission) are available at Ticketnet outlets located at SM branches and at the Araneta Coliseum box office. For more details, call 911-5555.

Ronan's debut album which features the two Number One singles "When You Say Nothing at All" and "Life Is A Rollercoaster," has gone on to sell 4.4 million copies around the world and firmly established him as a solo artist.

'THE HOT CHICK'

Strictly for a few cheap laughs

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

REVIEW

IT IS like one of those guilty pleasures you accidentally catch on HBO, a screwball comedy that's extra-cheesy but one that you watch till the end anyway.

It is also an overkill premise that Tom Hanks, Fred Savage and Kirk Cameron have done in three different movies: The magical body-switching or soul-switching or the sudden transformation of one's body.

Rob Schneider takes his turn this time, so expect the mucked-up high-jinks that ensues. He plays a stupid, small-time crook who switches bodies with Jessica (Rachel McAdams), the poster girl for rich, blond, high school meanies. From that very "high concept" notion, you know where the whole shebang's headed.

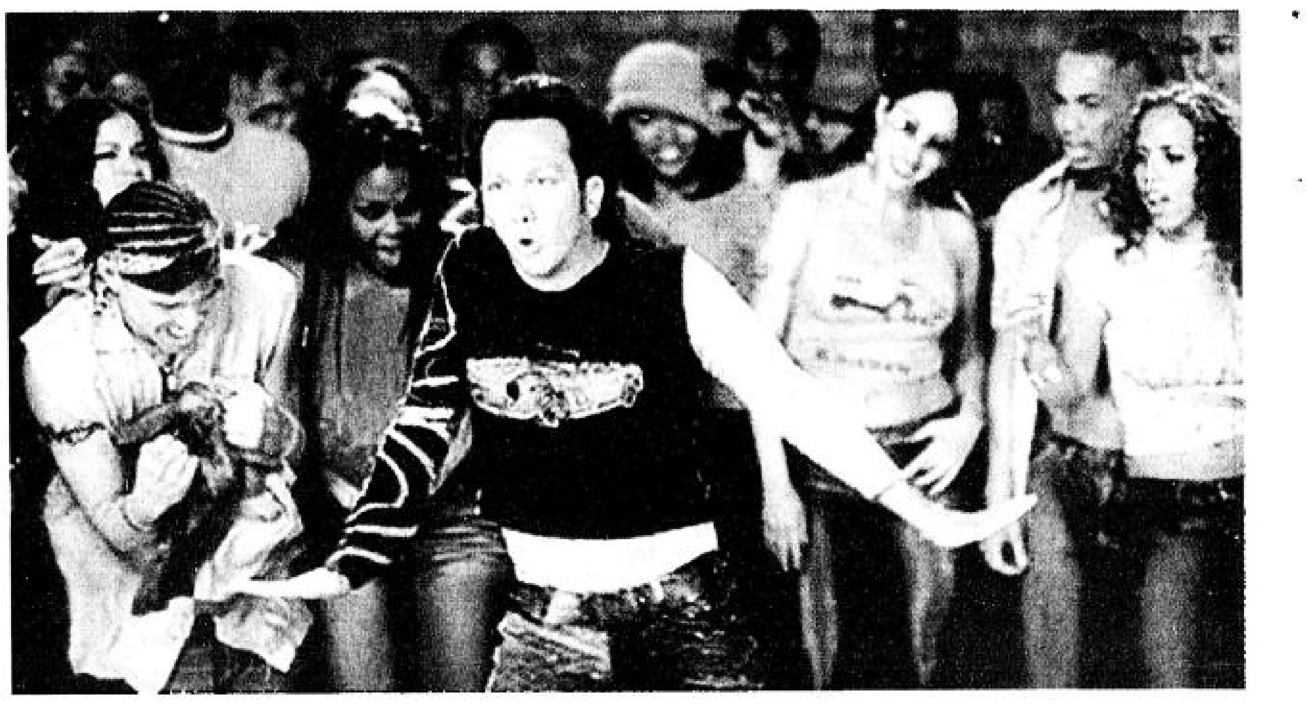
Staying true to the formula, the once-superspoiled Jessica, now trapped in Schneider's body, tries her best to convince her best friend April (Anna Faris), who looks like an eerie clone of Britney Spears, that she's trapped in a male body. Of course, April's easily convinced that this strange man is telling the truth, never mind that he could be a serial killer who could've squeezed personal info from the "real" Jessica.

Against logic

Jessica also convinces her small circle of popular friends about her predicament. To defy logic even further, she/he manages to land a job as the school janitor. She could be using that time to look for her real body, but whatever.

Jessica, now called Spence, has awkward encounters with her family, including her mother who becomes sexually attracted to the manly body Jessica now inhabits. The most predictably embarrassing moments involve Jessica's boyfriend (Matthew Lawrence), and the prolonged joke gets milked to death.

But of course, her little cross-dressing brother easily, and unbelievably, puts two and two together and figures out the new guy's real identity.



BODY-SWITCHING. Rob Schneider takes his turn in his latest comedy flick.

The stolen identity/new appearance angle is milked for all it is worth. Schneider acts effeminate throughout the movie, and gets into several obvious, but funny, bumbling scenarios.

The comedy "Virtual Sexuality" also comes to mind, where a teenage girl is transformed into a young man, but "The Hot Chick" is less bothered with the sexuality perspective, and tends to focus more on Schneider making an ass of himself yet again, which isn't a bad thing.

That's what he does best, and audiences love him for it. He's always been funny in his movies, except maybe in the horrid Van Damme-starrer "Knock-Off" (horrid and Van Damme-starrer sounds redundant).

Three seconds

The movie doesn't pretend to be something it's not. Physical comedy and adolescent humor are tossed in a blender and the result is a typically boneheaded, gross joke-heavy timekiller.

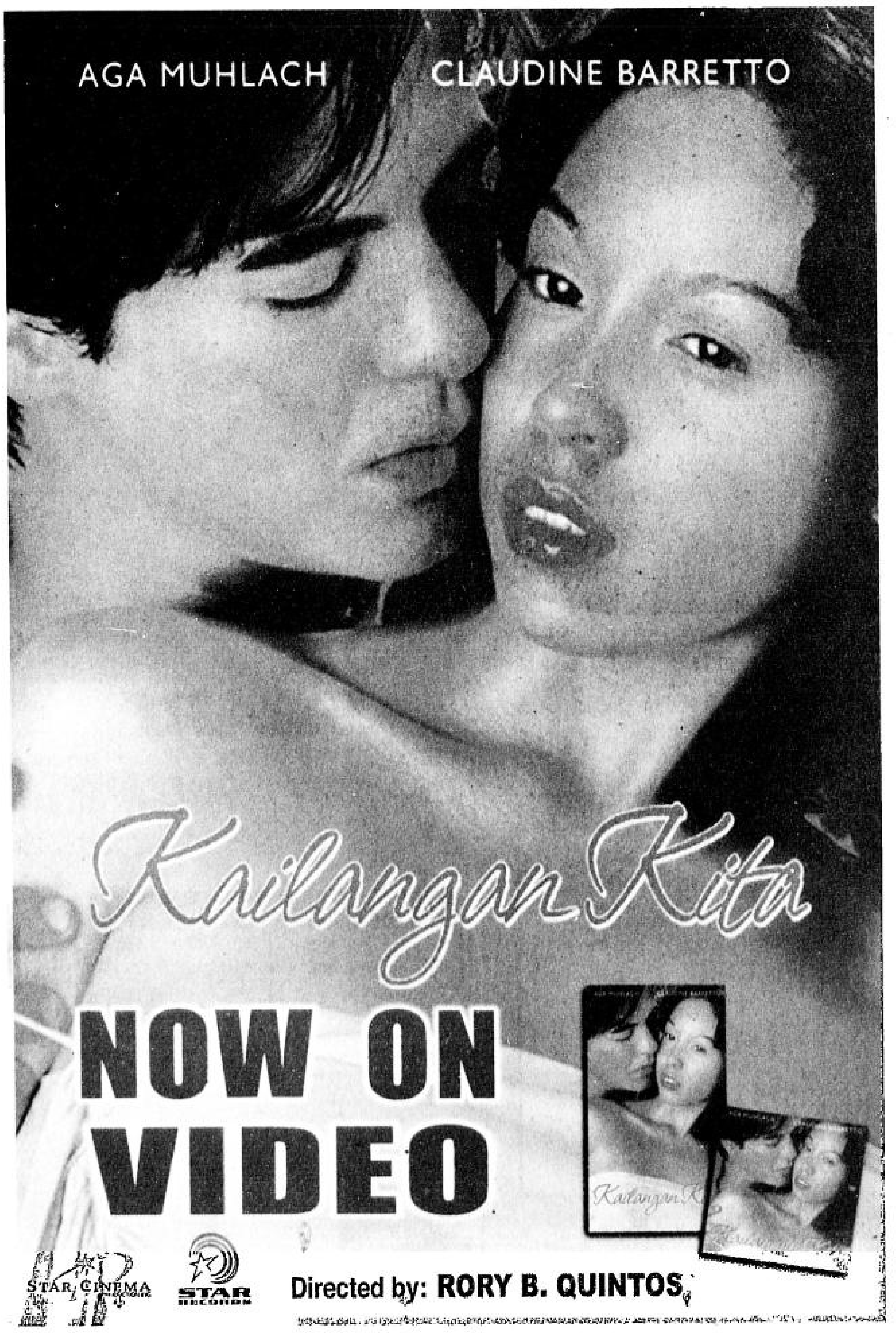
For instance, the confused cheerleader gets involved in a pillow fight with her girlfriends, and one expects disastrous consequences that'll be funny for about three seconds. Bodily function jokes also play a big part in this movie. They actually string together the semi-existent plot.

In this alternate reality, all the parents are stupid, love conquers all (well, almost), and everything works out for the best.

This isn't Schneider's first performance as a gender-bender of sorts. In his short-lived sitcom "Men Behaving Badly," he was mistaken for a lesbian whose appeal was similar to singer K.D. Lang's butch image in one of the episodes.

This movie was co-produced by fellow comedian Adam Sandler, who makes an appearance as a dreadlocked, overeager bongo player.

"The Hot Chick" is strictly for people who can use a few good (and cheap) laughs. It's hopelessly shallow and immensely proud of it.



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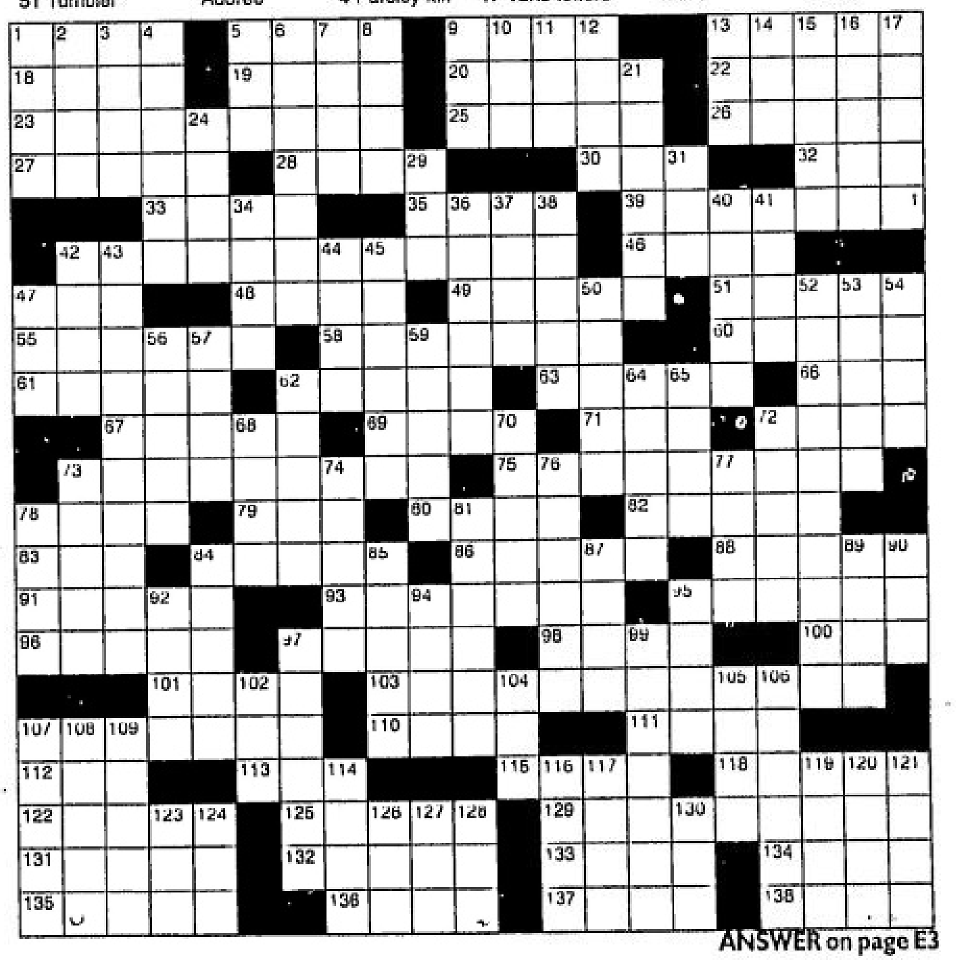

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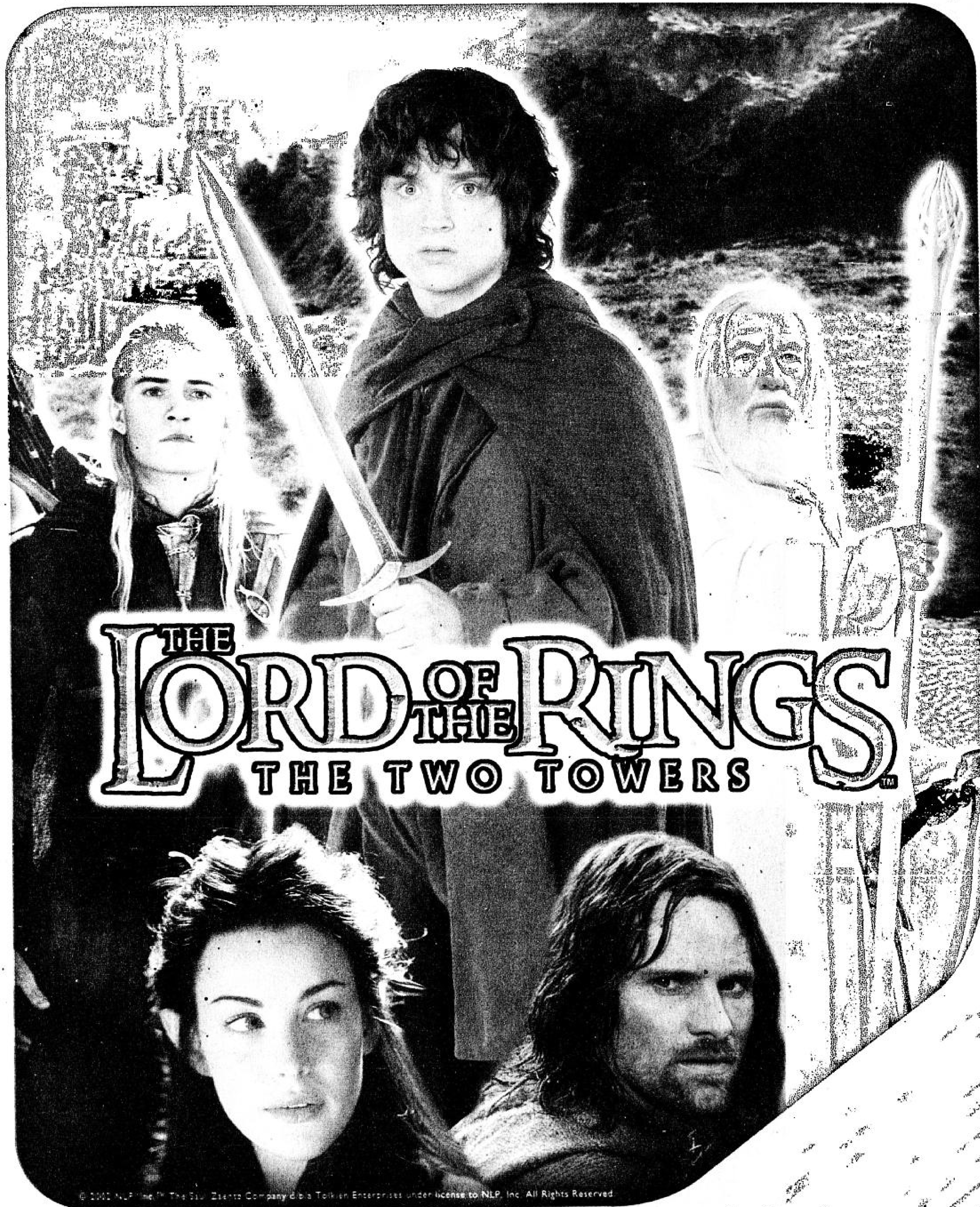
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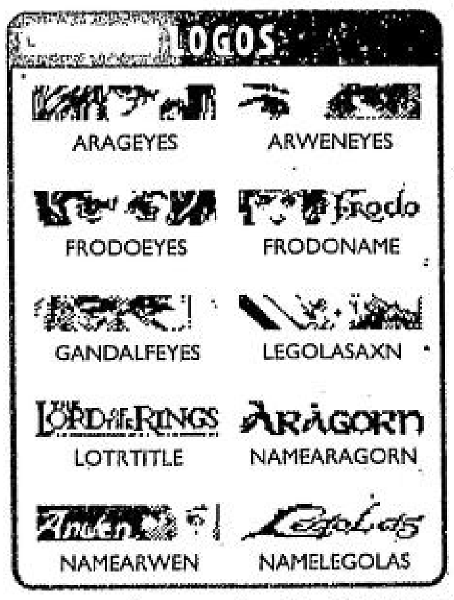
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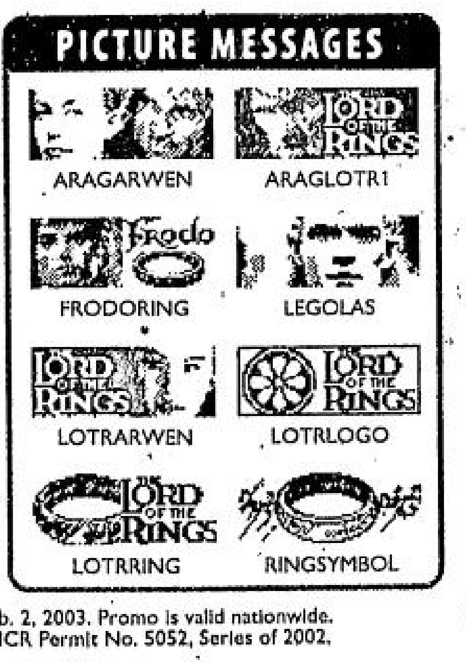
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NINA in 1973, on her graduation from the University of Sto. Tomas.

A YOUNG Nina Datu-Aguas with her parents Galicano and Rosario (center photo). The Aguas family (photo at right) during a recent vacation.

Lady exec dropped career twice but still got to the top

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MANY ambitious Filipinos journey through life with a strict career timetable at the top of their minds. They often say that they should be a manager by the time they are 25, a VP by 30 and perhaps a CEO when they hit 40.

So they pour all their efforts into achieving these goals, eagerly waiting to pounce on the chance to go one more rung up the corporate ladder.

Nina D. Aguas, who became the first Filipina country business manager of the consumer banking group in the 98 years of Citibank N.A. in the Philippines, did no such planning.

Aguas tells the INQUIRER that on the contrary, she got to her position through a series of happy accidents and long detours that nevertheless put her at the top of the consumer banking group in the country.

Aguas says it has always been so ever since she got her first job as a staff auditor of SGV & Co. in Dec. 1973 for P600 a month.

Accidental auditor

"I was an accidental auditor. I simply went along with two classmates from the University of Sto. Tomas who wanted to apply at SGV & Co., reputed as THE auditing firm in the country. We went through the application process, which was no joke, and I eventually got in," Aguas says.

Working for SGV opened a new vista for Aguas, who had not even been to Ayala Ave. before she applied with SGV.

A native of Tarlac, Tarlac, Aguas is the 5th of seven children born to Galicano Datu, who was one of the vice presidents of the Technological University of the Philippines, a Fulbright scholar; and Rosario Datu, an elementary school teacher in Tarlac.

It was a considerable challenge for her parents to send seven children through school on teachers' salaries.

Aguas remembers the time when she could not take her school exams together with her classmates because she had to wait for her parents to pay the tuition fee for that semester. But Aguas says that she was lucky despite these difficulties because she had "a very happy" childhood and she learned from her parents the values of hard work, frugality and discipline—values that proved invaluable in Aguas' career.

"We saw how devoted our parents were to their profession and that kind of exposure helped us. Even if they did not say it, we knew that they expected us to do well in school and we did. Above all they were also very spiritual people and passed this on to their children," she reminisces.

Aguas says her parents also taught them the value of money and to always live within one's means. They also focused on what the children needed, and not on what they wanted.

Aguas says she was able to put these values into good use when she went to college at UST where she took up accounting, on her mother's advice.

Leadership skills

It was in UST where Aguas developed her leadership skills, first as a leader of the freshman class and then later as a member of the UST student council. She also headed the Junior Institute of Accountants up until martial law was declared and all organizations ceased to operate.

All these she balanced with her academics "to keep my father happy."

She says she was able to keep a full schedule because she always found fun in everything that she did, and because she had a passion for leadership and for simply doing the best that she could in any situation.

Aguas applied the same principle when she was in SGV, putting in more than what was required of her and trying to learn as much as she could from her colleagues, superiors and clients.

Her career in SGV was cut short, however, when she married Mario Aguas, her supervisor, whom she first knew when she was still in UST. Mario is two years her senior.

At that time, she was also offered four times her salary to work for a private group as a chief accountant. She got P4,000—a considerable sum in 1976 when minimum fare was around 50 centavos—causing tongues to wag in SGV.

High corporate finance

"That offer caused quite a stir because people were wondering why I was offered that much of a salary considering that I was very young. I was not a senior yet," Aguas says.

The company, however, probably knew what Aguas was capable of, and so the 23-year-old and newly-married Aguas got her first taste of high corporate finance. "Plus I got introduced to famous people and a totally different lifestyle," Aguas recalls.

She would have wanted to continue her career with the company but she decided the following year to give it all up because her husband was sent by SGV to Chicago for further studies.

FIRST JOB

It was a painful decision for Aguas who was enjoying her lucrative job. But she thought that it was the right thing to do for her young family, which by that time included a daughter, Marnie.

From corporate financier, Aguas became a homemaker for two years, keeping herself busy by babysitting for other Filipino families for $1 an hour, doing some book keeping and even cooking meals for Filipino students at Northwestern University where her husband studied.

When her babysitting days came to an end

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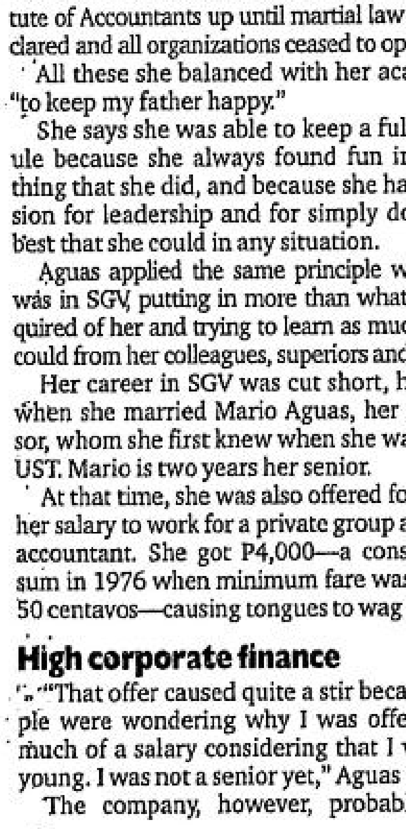
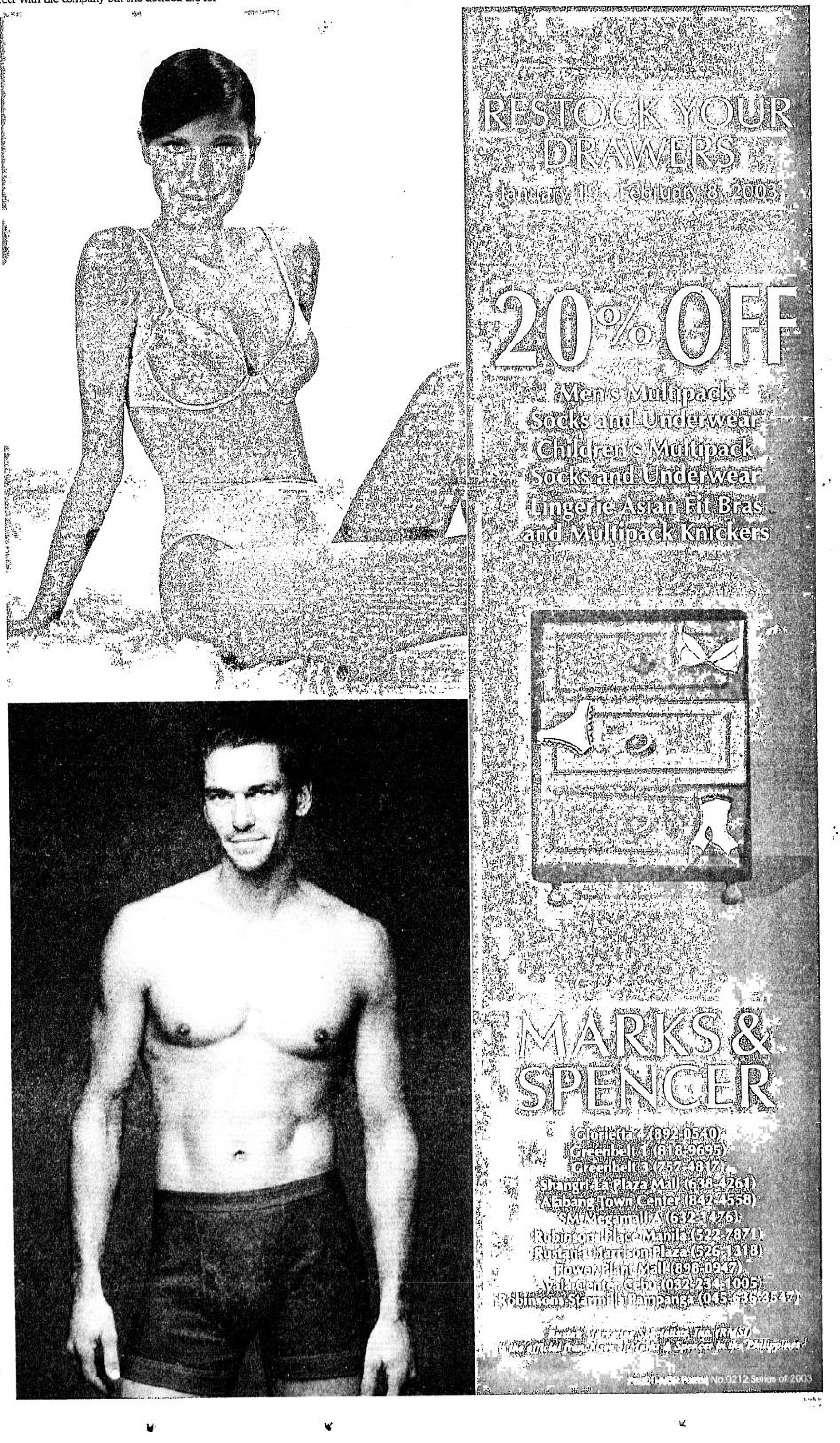


MARIO, Nina and baby Marnie Aguas in February 1978



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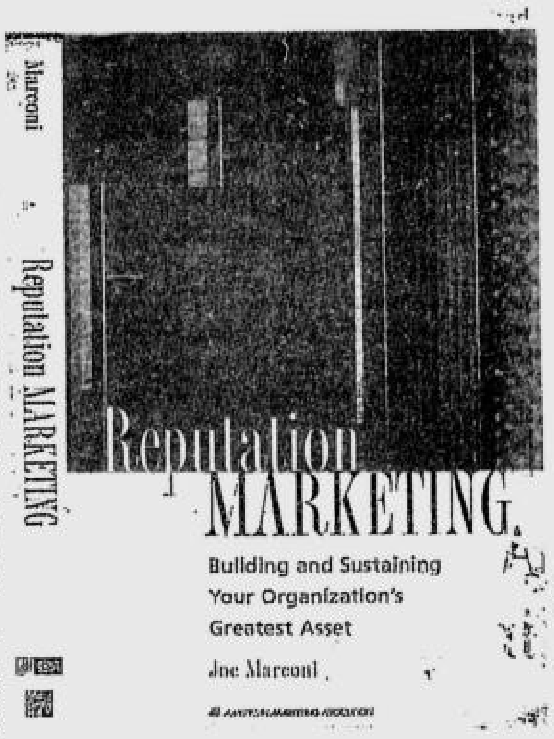
Question: Speaking of politicians in the polls or products in the marketplace, how can we improve their chances of winning or of survival by simply protecting, nurturing or repairing their reputation?

The book "Reputation Marketing," authored by noted marketing consultant Joe Marconi, declares: "One's reputation is one's greatest asset." This veteran of many successful reputation building campaigns wants to make sure that such a central truth sinks into every reader's consciousness, as he warns everyone that every company has its own "areas of vulnerability."

Even the most admired companies are not immune from a crisis. "Bad things do happen to good companies," he postulates.

This book is a slow—but excellent read. That's because the author makes fine distinctions in every issue addressed, every case analyzed and every prescription given. He points out, for example, the need for research to orient you to have a healthy respect for verifiable facts and figures. And so you can spot falsehoods, ambitious claims and even misleading messages.

You should be able to see the difference between a "better brand" and a "better-known brand" by simply knowing the facts.



He devotes an entire chapter using the Internet—"Putting your reputation on the line ...online"—with a finely phrased advice: "Putting your information on the Internet is the easy part. It's a straightforward technical issue. The real tough part is getting to the right audience and getting them to visit your site."

If you are reeling from a tarnished image, it is admittedly an uphill climb. Early in the book, you'd think your case—or someone else's—is hopeless, with this hard-to-bite truth: "Bad news stays in people's minds longer than good news."

(Does this explain why this President is dogged still by the skeptical question about whether she is sincere or not after she said she is not running for reelection? Is it a case of the bad news—like a string of broken promises—refusing to die?)

But take heart. In the chapter on "Damage Control," Marconi strikes a note of hope: "The public has demonstrated an amazing capacity to forgive and, if not forget, to at least allow another chance."

He goes back to a history of product recalls—like the cases of Tylenol (product tampering), Ford Pinto (exploding gas tanks) and Sears, Roebuck & Co. (abandoned service policy)—to illustrate that a company can successfuly make a comeback—thanks to customers who have the marvelous grace to "forgive."

Marconi suggests that every company must work on building or rebuilding trust, easily the flipside of "reputation." And this "trust" is won and nurtured through this philosophy: "Those who take money out of the community have a responsibility to give something back."

This book of 232 pages does not offer answers in tidy black-or-white distinctions. We note the finely honed wisdom of an acclaimed master of the craft—dishing out nuances that may escape the uninitiated. For instance, when Marconi advises against "anonymous contributions" but frowns upon "grand-

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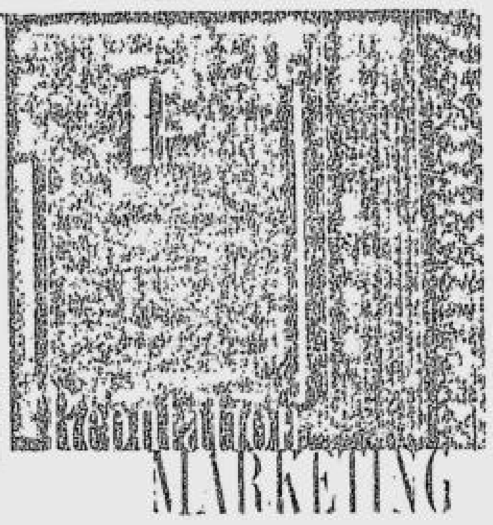

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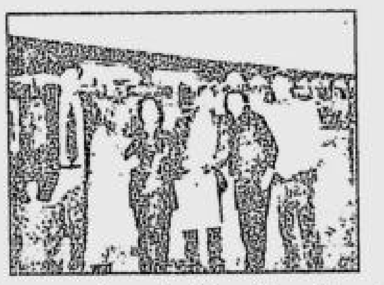

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Lady exec dropped career twice but still got to the top

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in 1979, Aguas went to work for her first foreign bank—Bank of Nova Scotia—as a credit officer, in Manila.

Again displaying a knack for hard work and proving that she has what it takes to handle considerable responsibilities such as big-ticket corporate lending, Aguas was chosen to go to Canada to take further training.

"I remember feeling so proud because I was the first woman in the company to be sent to Canada to attend that training course, and I was able to get it within a year since I joined the company. It was really Divine Providence," she says.

But just as she was rejoicing, she found herself packing her bags yet again to be with her husband who was this time sent to Denver, Colorado to undergo further training for SGV. By then she had two daughters and was pregnant with her first son.

"I must admit I struggled before submitting to my husband again because by then I realized I wanted a career. But a marriage is a partnership and my husband had compelling reasons for me to go, so I chose that our family should be together in the US. The bank was of course, disappointed but they understood and I thank them for that," Aguas says.

So she donned her homemaker's apron again. She only took it off in 1982 when the family came back to Manila and she joined Citibank. She found herself working again in audit.

"I have always felt that I was an accidental auditor but somehow ended up staying in that field for many years," she says.

Aguas was forced to handle auditing because promotions came her way at a furious pace, almost as if she was making up for lost time.

AGUAS today

Sacrifices

She was promoted practically every year, with her responsibilities getting bigger and bigger. First it was the Philippines, then the Asia-Pacific region, then she was asked to handle part of the United States and even part of Latin America, offers that she did not accept, again because of family.

Accepting these offers, she explained, would have meant spending a lot of time away from the country and away from her family which has expanded to include two more boys, completing her brood of five.

Her "sacrifices" were worth it in the end because she not only landed the plum position in the Philippines, but also saw her children grow up to be responsible citizens.

Marnie, now 25, is taking up her Master's degree in University of Southern California. Her other daughter Anna, graduated with honors and is now with SGV working as a Certified Public Accountant.

Eldest son Caloy, 21, is graduating this year from the Ateneo de Manila University while her two young sons Mark, 15 and Ryan, 13 are busy with school and football.

"Looking back, I have always felt the hand of God guiding me in my life. I'm a hard worker but I did not apply myself to bag promotions. I just wanted to be the best that I can be in any given job. That way, at the end of the day, I can proudly shed my corporate responsibilities and then be a wife and mother to my family," she muses.

The job for Aguas includes tutoring her children and helping them with their homework as they went through school. To save time, she says she cut a deal with her children for them to start on their homework, and she will help complete them.

When asked by young executives in Citibank how they could be like her, her advice is simple: "Enjoy life."

"Ambition requires focus—and this sometimes causes a person to lose sight of other equally or more important things. Personally, I like to have fun. That is something that is never missing with me. Even when deadlines are tight and the pressure is on, I take time out to laugh and enjoy the little things in life. Sometimes, the more intense you are in the pursuit of your goals, the more it becomes difficult to achieve," Aguas says.

Aguas adds that people should not plan too far ahead so that they would be flexible to overcome roadblocks or detours along the career path.

"I also tell them that they cannot have everything. A wise man once said, let go and let God. And that's how I've lived my life," she says.

Acquiring a deft hand in reputation repair

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standing"—he expects you to get the point.

"A public relations professional understands the distinction and thus craft the story with sufficient humility and subtlety as to enhance the quality of the deed." To stretch the fine distinctions, we say: you can be audible without being loud; be visible without being publicity hungry; and really be humble without being "proud" about it.

A master of the communication art has the fluid grace of a trapeze artist, the deft hand of a magician, the trained ear of an orchestra conductor—and, yes, the seasoned judgment of a communicator who sees a winning formula from apparently warring contradictions. There lies mastery—not mystery.

This book does not immediately make you a master, but starts you off on the right road. If you are an expert, you may need to sharpen your tools.

As for reputation—whether for an individual, an organization or a product— it is far too important to be left to clumsy amateurs. *(dantemv@I-next.net)*

Mangyans produce best calamansi drink

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produce per order," says Tupaz.

She explains that they are using a first-class type of *calamansi* fruit and sugar as well as first-hand label on the bottle.

Contrary to other people's perception on sanitation problems among the Mangyans, the processing house is clean and orderly. The working spaces are cemented with white tiles. Processors wear white clothes. The processing is manual, carefully following the formula.

Latest innovations

The latest innovation in the food laboratory is the use of biogas to fuel the production.

Parts of the *calamansi* fruit are used as fuel. Other biodegradable products in the Tugdaan campus are also tapped by the biogas production.

Marcelino Lipanyuan, a Mangyan, is now managing the biogas production after he was trained in Geofarm in Pangasinan.

Abadiano stresses that the project is worth undertaking and worth the people's support.

"It develops the skills of the mothers and provides them with an alternative source of livelihood. It also helps the education program for the Mangyans. This is a venue to organize the farmers." *(Those who want to help the Mangyans may contact 0919-4100557 or 0919-2116786.)*

Book shows weak link between CEO pay and corporate profits

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Systems Inc. and eBay , as well as "dot-bombs" like Excite@Home. Shares of many of the companies now are significantly off their boom-time highs.

Technology stalwarts, such as Microsoft Corp., Intel Corp. and Oracle Corp.—which helped make options plans popular—were not included in the High Tech 100.

Finally, the authors said, a review of 25 years of research on broad-based employee stock options plans suggested three key things.

- First, that employee ownership improves a company's productivity level by about four percentage points, compared with firms that don't adopt such practices.
- Second, that total shareholder returns are about 2 percentage points better, relative to other firms.
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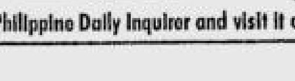

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Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park Conservation and Development Project (NSMNPCDP - Phase 2), a project funded by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Manila

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

He/she shall provide technical support to the Project Manager and staff especially concerning natural resources management; Coordinate the provision of the required technical inputs, reviewing and finalizing the Terms of Reference and reviewing the outputs of the TA and other sub-contractors.

Qualification Requirements:

Postgraduate degree in natural resources management with at least 10 years professional experience; Knowledge and experience in the implementation of the NIPAS Law and other relevant laws; Excellent track record and experience in project management, coordination and preferably of conservation/natural resource management projects

COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & CONSERVATION SPECIALIST

He/She will be responsible for providing for the overall framework for advising and developing capacity among project staff and partners on coastal and marine conservation and ensuring high standards of quality of execution and implementation of conservation and management of coastal and marine ecosystems. He/she will design and implement various pilot projects and assist in setting up biological and socio-economic impact monitoring system.

Qualification Requirements:

Postgraduate degree in marine science or coastal resources management with at least 10 years professional experience; Knowledge and experience in the implementation of the NIPAS Law and other relevant laws; Excellent track record and experience in project management, coordination and preferably of marine conservation/ coastal resources management projects.

ECOLOGIST

He/She will be responsible for providing for the overall framework for species conservation, advising on species consdrvation, developing capacity among Project staff and partners on species conservation and management including the planning and implementation of species conservation action plans. He/she will set up species research and monitoring systems, develop species conservation action plans with local stakeholders, training staff counterparts and local leaders

Qualification Requirements:

Postgraduate degree in marine biology with at least 10 years professional experience; Knowledge and experience in the implementation of the NIPAS Law and other relevant laws; Postgraduate degree in marine science or coastal resources management with at least 10 years professional experience; Knowledge and experience in the implementation of the NIPAS Law and other relevant laws; Excellent track record and experience in project management, coordination, preferably, of species research and monitoring and conservation projects.

IRRIGATION SPECIALIST

He/She shall have the overall responsibility for the Project-Supported Communal Irrigation Projects (CIPS) towards maximizing their irrigation function. The work generally shall focus upon construction of structures and on the water distribution system which shall require close coordination with those involved in each CIP.

Qualification Requirements:

Postgraduate degree in Agricultural Engineering or Engineering with at least 10 years professional exprrience; Knowledge and experience in the implementation of the NIPAS Law and other relevant laws; Excellent track record and experience in project management, coordination, preferably, of research and monitoring and conservation projects.

BOTANIST

He/She shall serve as the focal person in the implementation of project work element on floral and herbal research and monitoring to generate information and appropriate technologies and implementing guides to support project management, protection and livelihood activities.

Qualification Requirements:

Postgraduate degree in Botany or Plant Taxonomy with at least 10 years professional experience; Knowledge and experience in the implementation of the NIPAS Law and other relevant laws; Excellent track record and experience in species research, monitoring and conservation projects

AGRICULTURIST

He/She shall be responsible for all improvement of agricultural and farming systems that are supported by the Project. This shall include a comprehensive review of the current agricultural and farming systems and consider options for its improvement. .

Qualification Requirements:

Postgraduate degree in Agriculture with at least 10 years professional experience. Excellent track record and experience in agricultural /farming systems and coordination preferably of conservation/natural resources management projects; Can work well with farmers, LGUs, NGO's /PO's and government.

IEC/TRAINING SPECIALIST

He/She shall be responsible for all IEC and training related activities of all the components and sub-components of the Project.

Qualification Requirements:

Postgraduate degree in development communications, communication arts, or related fields; At least 10 years experience in designing and implementing information-education-communications strategy and awareness campaigns.

Other Vacancies : Coastal Resource Management Associate, Environmental Land Use Planning Specialist, Wildlife Biologist, Indigenous People Associate, IEC Associate, Micro-Enterprise Specialist, Enforcement Specialist, Finance and Admin. Staff

All applicants must have the ability to effectively work in high - calibre cross-functional Project Team and coordinate a large, multi-stakeholder Project; Excellent communication skills both English and Pilipino, knowledge of local dialect is desirable. All positions are field -based.
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Interested parties are advised to submit their curriculum vitae with latest 2x2 photo and other pertinent documents to:

The HRD Manager
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UNDP

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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is in search of qualified individuals to fill-up the following positions, to be based in Cotabato City and reporting directly to the Programme Manager

1. Manager, Component on Capacity Building and Empowerment through Peace and Development Communities

Role: S/he shall assist the Area Coordinators in developing the framework and guidelines for the formulation and implementation of Community Action Plans through (a) initiating participatory planning activities; (b) networking with the target communities in planning, mobilizing internal and external resources in partnership with LGUs; (c) coordinating the setting up of new PDCs as target communities; (d) assisting in the organization of PDTFs, BDCs, people's organizations and coops in the PDCs; (3) preparing progress reports and performing other tasks assigned by the PM.

Qualifications: Advance studies in Public Administration/Development Management/ Economics/Rural Development, experiences in Southern Philippines in the areas of community organizing, participatory governance, PIME.

2. Manager, Component on Building Partnerships and Institutional Strengthening

Role: S/he shall lead the formulation of a unified institutional framework and set of strategies in programme/project implementation through (a) developing the Terms of Reference for the trainings in management and governance, capacity building for MIS and computerization of operations; (b) ensuring implementation of capacity building plans for the SPCPD and the ARMM; (c) developing the design for round table discussions/workshops among donors and local agencies on best practices and lessons learned in the areas of PIME for peace and development; (d) developing the guidelines in the review/assessment/revision of development plans to incorporate peace building objectives, targets, strategies, programs and projects; and (e) performing other tasks assigned by the PM.

Qualifications: Masteral/Masteral units/Bachelor's degree in Management/Public Administration/Development Management/Economics/Rural Development; equipped with knowledge and skills on: capacity building for individuals and institutions, governance and management, conflict management and consensus building, PIME<, strategy setting, policy formulation and analysis, integrated area development, facilitation skills, financial analysis.

Preferably all applicants should come from Mindanao. Please submit your application letter and comprehensive resume on or before **31 January 2003** to Development Support Services Center, United Nations Development Programme, 7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building, 106 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City (via courier) or P.O. Box 7285 Domestic Airport Post Office Lock Box, 1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City (via airmail), Tel. Nos. (632) 8920611 to 25, ext. 237, Fax nos. (632) 8164061/8939598; Email Address: bc_admin.ph@undp.org.

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He/she is responsible for leading the project implementation through close collaboration and coordination with NGO partners, government agencies and other stakeholders. He/she shall represent the organization in all consultations and meeting relevant to the project; facilitates linkages to all support agencies; leads all conservation related works such as survey, community planning and mapping.

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Invitation to Local Consultants to submit Letter of Interest

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING EXPERT

Interested consultants are invited to submit letter of interest for the Mechanical Engineering Support for Equipment Supply of CASCADE Programme covering the provinces of Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Ecija and Benguet.

The consultant is expected to appraise condition of second-hand heavy equipment before procurement and provide technical expertise in the operation and maintenance of such equipment. Specifically, the consultant shall:

- Develop a selection and procurement criteria taking into the consideration the recommendations of the International Rural Road Engineer
- Develop an outline for the procurement process, from tender to purchase order, taking into account the availability of the selected equipment
- Develop a user-friendly heavy equipment maintenance manual for distribution to concerned staff of municipalities provided with equipment
- Train LGUs on heavy equipment maintenance and operation

The consultant must be a licensed Mechanical Engineer, MS level is a plus; must have at least 15 years of continuous experience in management, operation and maintenance of at least 5 different types of heavy equipment for roadway construction; and, with background on computer systems/software operation, statistics and/or technical and economic analysis. Letters of interest should be submitted not later than **27 January 2003**. Full terms of reference and letters of invitation to submit proposals will be issued to short listed candidates on or before **3 February 2003**. The successful contractor will be required to provide three (3) months of consultancy services to undertake aforementioned activities. For inquiries, contact:

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Invitation to Local Consultants to submit Letter of Interest for the conduct of Characterization of Major Vegetable Pests and Diseases

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- Identify the major pests and diseases of 10 major crops in the Programme areas
- Characterize identified pests and diseases in terms of their: scientific, common and local name; scientific description; biology; casual organism; host/vectors; mode of spread; symptoms; effects; and appropriate control and prevention methods
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Deadline for Applications : January 24, 2003
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QUALIFICATIONS:
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INVITATION TO BID

The Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) is inviting offer to purchase by way of sealed bids the property described below:

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION OF PROPERTY
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Bid documents shall be issued upon payment of P5,000.00 which is non-refundable, from January 27 to February 18, 2003 at the Office of the Disposal Committee Secretariat, 2nd Floor, PCA R&D Building, Diliman, Quezon City.

Sealed bid proposals shall be submitted and dropped at the Bid Box located at the Office of the Disposal Committee Secretariat.

Sealed bid proposals shall be opened on February 27, 2003, 2:00 p.m. at 8th Floor Executive Lounge, PCA R&D Building Diliman, Quezon City.

The sale of the property shall be on "As-Is, Where Is" basis.

PCA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any defect and to accept such bid proposals considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) ATTY. ARTURO J. LIQUETE
Chairman
PCA Disposal Committee

(PDI – Jan. 18, 19 & 20, 2003)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills
City of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Securities and Exchange Commission invites bonafide bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the **SECURITY SERVICES**, SEC Main Office, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City.

The SEC needs 22 Security Guards to secure entire office and parking area. Approved Budget Cost is **P5,235,574.08.**

Bid documents may be secured at the General Services Division, 4th floor, SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City upon payment of non-refundable fee of **P500.00**. For further inquiries please call at Tel No. 727-3320.

Pre-Bid conference will be held on:

Date : January 29, 2003
Time : 10:00 a.m.
Place : MRD Conference Room, 6th floor, SEC Building

Bidders are not allowed to bid on both security and janitorial services. Eligible Bidders shall submit their bids in four (4) separate sealed envelopes, **the first** containing the Eligibility Requirement, **second** the Technical Proposal, **third** the Financial Proposal and **fourth** the Bid Security. All documents originating from other government agencies should be **Authenticated/ Certified True Copies.**

The envelopes must be sealed, properly labeled, signed or stamped across the envelope flap.

Deadline for submission of bids will be on:

Date : February 13, 2003
Time : 5:00 p.m.
Place : General Services Division, 4th floor, SEC Building
To Whom : Mr. Norlan M. De las Alas, BAC Secretariat

Bid submitted after said date/time will no longer be accepted.

Bid Security in the form of Cash, Cashier's/Manager's Check, Bank guarantee or Surety bond shall accompany the sealed bids. Otherwise, the bid is automatically disqualified.

All particular relative to Eligibility, Bid Bond, Pre-Bid Conference, Bid Evaluation, Post qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the provisions of Executive Order No. 40 Series of 2001, and its implementing Rules and Regulations.

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The Securities and Exchange Commission invites bonafide bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the **JANITORIAL SERVICES**, SEC Main Office, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City.

The SEC needs 32 Janitors/Haulers/Utility Workers (1 Supervisor, 14 Janitors, 15 Haulers, 1 Carpenter/Plumber, 1 Electrician). Approved Budget Cost is **P3,933,753.84**.

Bid documents may be secured at the General Services Division, 4th floor, SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City upon payment of non-refundable fee of **P500.00**. For further inquiries please call at Tel. No. 727-3320.

Pre-Bid Conference will be held on:

Date : January 30, 2003
Time : 2:00 P.M.
Place : MRD Conference Room, 6th floor, SEC Building

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Deadline for submission of bids will be on:

Date : February 13, 2003
Time : 5:00 PM
Place : General Services Division, 4th floor, SEC Building
To Whom : Mr. Norlan M. De las Alas, BAC Secretariat

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Department of Finance
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
PORT OF MANILA
Customs District II-A
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January 16, 2003

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2601 and 2607 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, there will be a **"PUBLIC AUCTION SALE"** (Open Bidding) of the hereunder listed various articles/goods to be conducted on **January 30, 2003** (Thursday) (Registration shall start at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. & the auction sale shall start at 2:00 p.m.) at the Office of Auction & Cargo Disposal Division, Room No. 304, Customhouse Bldg., South Harbor, Port Area, Manila. Said goods/articles shall be available for public viewing on **January 29, 2003**. For further inquiry, please contact the following telephone nos. 527-80-51 local 437, 527-45-44 & 527-19-75.

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His loving wife, LOURDES, and his children: Jean Leslie, Robert Jr., John, Judy, Douglas and James, their husband and wives, grandchildren, sister, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Sanctuario de San Antonio
McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City.

The date of interment will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the St. Rita Orphanage in Parañaque City will be greatly appreciated.

"only goodness & love will pursue me all the
days of my life: i will dwell in the house
of the Lord for years to come..."
Psalm 23:6

VALERIANA "ALER" FERNANDEZ VDA. DE ALMEDA

Beloved spouse of the late
NBI Assistant Director, Mariano G. Almeda, Sr.

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on January 18, 2003 at the age of 94.

Her loving children **Drs. Adelaida & Jose Temporal** (†), **Lamberto & Dalila Carrasco, Mariano Jr.** (†) & **Josefina Santos, Carmen & Ricardo Viñas** (†), grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her mortal remains lie in state at the St. Alphonsus Mary De Liguori Parish Memorial Chapels, Magallanes Village, Makati City.

Interment will be on Thursday, 23 January 2003 at the Biñan Catholic Cemetery, Biñan, Laguna after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Parish Church.

"I am the resurrection and life, he who
believes in Me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25

Our Dearly Beloved Mama

Charita R. Tomaneng

(1936 – 2003)
Died in the Grace of our Lord on January 16, 2003
at the age of 67.

Her bereaved husband **Fred**; children **Wally, Chito** and **Jing, Junior** and **Jane, Ed** (†) and **Gigi, Moppet** and **Nonie**; grandchildren **Regie, Nhoens, Faye, Charliz** and **Sunshine**; brothers, sister-in-laws, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Funeraria Sapida, Don P. Campos Avenue, Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Interment will be on January 26, 2003 at the Manila Memorial Park, Dasmariñas Cavite, after the 3:00 p.m. Mass at Parokya ng La Immaculada Concepcion Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Thank You

To all those who in one way or another condoled
with the bereaved family of the late

Arch. DEMETRIO LACSAMA DAVID

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on January 2, 2003.

His wife **PRECY**; children **JOEL, ARIS & DIVINE, NONOY & GIGI, NIDES & CHERYL, AARON & LANI** and **PEEWEE**; brothers and sisters Atty. **IRENE JURADO, ANDREA PERFECTO, DR. LUIS** (US), **TOMAS, CRISPINA** vda de **LOPEZ, Sr., REGGIE, ICM** (†), **NORA LUAYON, RUBEN & HEIDI PIZARRO** (US); grandchildren, relatives and friends.

EMILIANO BALUYOT SANCHEZ

of Orion, Bataan

Died in San Diego, California last January 7, 2003 at the age of 78.

His wife, Laureana and daughter Tessa, with his surviving sister, Ofelia and brother, Leonardo request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

A Memorial Mass was held at the Blessed Sacrament Church in San Diego, California last Friday, January 10, 2003.

A one-day vigil in memory of him will be held in Manila on January 25, Saturday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish Church (Resurrection Chapel) in Philam Homes, Quezon City.

His ashes will be laid to rest at the Evergreen Memorial Park on January 28, 2003 (Tuesday) after the 8:00 am Memorial Mass at the St. Michael Church in Orion, Bataan.

Lamberto E. Capulong

of Cabuyao, Laguna

Peacefully joined his Creator
on January 16, 2003 at the age of 69.

His loving wife **Felisa**; children **Noel**, **Norman & Deyitte**, **Bob & Cherry**, and **Nelson**; together with sister **Luz**; brother **Ben**; grandchildren, relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at San Ramon Funeral Homes, Dita, Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

Interment will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at the Cabuyao Cemetery after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

"My soul, be at rest in God alone from whom comes my hope."
Psalm 62:6

PURIFICACION T. SIY

Peacefully joined our Lord on 18 January 2003
at the age of 76.

Her loving husband **Pablo**; children **Precy & Pol**, **May**, **Paul John & Mimi**; grandsons **Daniel**, **Patrick**, **Kristofer**, and **Zackary**; and other relatives request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Mt. Carmel Chapel, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish, Doña Juana Rodriguez Avenue, Broadway, New Manila, Quezon City.

Interment to be announced later.

"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."
—John 11:25-26

JOSE MA. REMEDIOS LOPEZ

A Man of Faith, Courage and Love

gently and peacefully passed away to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 15, 2003, at 1:20 p.m., after receiving the Sacraments.

His remains lie in state at the St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Church, Magallanes Village, Makati City.

His bereaved wife **CORAZON YANSON**; children **Garry** and **Ilene**, **Robert** and **Carla**, **Gilbert** and **Anna**; grandchildren **John**, **Anna**, **Angel**, **Mojo**; **Paolo** and **Patricia**; **Iñaki**; brother, sisters, in-laws and relatives request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

A Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at Heritage Park Chapel, Bayani Road, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City.

Final rites will be observed immediately after the celebration of the Mass.

LUISA HERVAS BRETAÑA-PEREZ

of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo
Peacefully joined her Creator
and her husband, the late **Carlos E. Perez, Sr.**
on January 16, 2003 at the age of 90.

Her loving children, **Letty (†) & Joe**, **Monsignor Eking**, **Carmen & Enrique**, **Titus (†) & Lorna** and **Luis**; grandchildren **Fr. Tonet**, **Marissa & Olie**, **Ma. Rita & Ike**, **Caloy & Weng**, **Jo & Sim**, **Vicki & Todd**, **Tommy**, **Carlo & Mai-Mai**; great grandchildren **Alena**, **Ollie**, **Ikoy**, **Aiken**, **Kat-Kat**, **Kokoy**, **Carla**, **Biboy**, **Michi**, **Joseph**, **Tisha**, **Martha**, **Josephine** and **Mig-Mig**.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence at J.H. Bretaña St., Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo.

Interment will be on Tuesday, 21 January 2003 at the San Antonio de Padua Parish, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo after the 2:30 p.m. Mass.

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Name	Date of Interment	Time	Place of Interment	Place of Wake
PATERNO P. CAOILE	Jan. 19	1:00 AM	Holy Gardens Memorial Park, Taytay, Rizal	284 West Bank Road, Floodway Maybunga, Pasig City
LEOCADIO S. SIMAGALA	Jan. 19	2:00 PM	Holy Gardens Memorial Park, Angono, Rizal	Tayuman, Binangonan, Rizal

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VICTORINO NICOLAS VALENCIA, SR.

of Singalong and Parañaque

Peacefully joined our Lord on January 16, 2003 at the age of 72.

His loving wife **Narcisa**; children **Vic, Jr.** and **Judy**, **Ruth** and **Max**, **Beng** and **Vicky**, **Allen** and **Lalaine**; grandchildren **Keith**, **Kris**, **Karl**, **Kathlyn**, **Neil**, **Nicelle** and **AJ**, sisters and relatives kindly request prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will take place on Sunday, January 19, 2003 in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

Atty. Luisito Hermosa Estanislao

of Quezon City and Dinalupihan, Bataan
UP LAW - 1978

Born - April 21, 1949 in Manila
Peacefully joined his Creator and his
Beloved mother **LUZ HERMOSA ESTANISLAO**
at 2:00 p.m., January 17, 2003 at the age of 53.

His loving wife **MELINDA FERNANDO ESTANISLAO**, his children **Ruperto**, **Janine** and **Luisa Luz**; his father **Ret. Judge Vicente M. Estanislao Sr.**; brothers and sisters and in-laws, **Eugene & Lourdes**, **Vicente Jr. & Sarah**; **Carlos & Mary Ann**, **Priscilla & Mario**; and **Myrna & Victor**; nephews and nieces, friends and other relatives request the reader to please pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains will lie in state from January 18 to 23, 2003 at Chapel 7, South Wing, Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation shall follow after the 12:00 noon Mass on Thursday, January 23, 2003.

"For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only
begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him
shall not perish but have
everlasting life."
John 3:16

MESSAGE OF THANKS
We, the family of the late

EMMA ALVAREZ DIFUNTORUM

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on January 11, 2003

wish to thank all those who visited, attended funeral services, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers, donations and messages of sympathy and in other ways joined us as we marked her passage to eternal life.

MESSAGE OF THANKS
Natalie & Son Francis
and the family of the late

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peacefully joined our Lord last Dec. 17, 2002 in the U.S.A. at the age of 96.

She is survived by children **Sally**, **Wency**, **Vic**, **Buddy & Eugene**.

Her cremated remains will join relatives, friends, brothers & sisters in Christ in a Memorial Thanksgiving Service, in her honor, to be held on Monday, Jan. 27, 2003 at the Ellinwood Malate Church at 6:30 in the evening.

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12. Tiwala St., Borol 1st, Balagtas 1 Stry LA - 254 FA - 264 sqm. Minimum bid:P1,009,000.00

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14. Rizal St., Balimbingan Lumban Res. bldg. LA - 108 sqm. Minimum bid:P2,000,000.00

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29. Rizal Vil.,Cupang Indl. w/4 bldgs 2 shed typeLA-3,506 FA-1,437 Minimum bid:P15,401,201.67
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Batangas

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January 10, 2003

INVITATION TO REGISTER

In compliance to Executive Order No. 40, the Department of Health (DOH) invites interested manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, and contractors to register with the DOH for possible participation in future eligibility screening and bidding for goods, consulting services, and civil works.

The following documents, as minimum requirements, for registration shall be submitted to the **Director Agnette Peralta, Head Secretariat, Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) Secretariat Procurement and Logistics Service, 2 Floor Building 25, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila 1003** for evaluation and subsequent issuance of Certificate of Registration if found in order:

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The prospective supplier/contractor or its duly authorized representative shall certify under oath that each of the documents submitted is an original copy or a true and faithful reproduction or a copy of the original.

Registration shall start on January 27, 2003.

All inquiries relative to the above invitation shall be addressed to the Chairperson of the COBAC Secretariat.

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH, CESO III**
Assistant Secretary of Health
Chairperson, COBAC

(PDI-January 19, 2003)

QUIZ BEE GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. Shown in photo during the 23rd National Super Quiz Bee Grand Finals at the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) in Tagaytay City are (from left to right): Gemmalyn Zamora of Nutroplex Multivitamins, Laly Guiterrez of Tetra Pak Phils. Inc.(TPPI), Pettizou P. Tayag of the Quiz Bee Foundation (QBF), Rosanna Roa Ledesma of TPPI, collegiate gen. information and int'l. affairs category nat'l. champions Prof. Franklin Robite and Erwin Taleon from the Western Visayas region, high school science and tech. nat'l. champions Ms. Clarissa Avila and Bryan Alamani of NCR, elementary mathematics nat'l. champions Mr. Ernesto Pasco and Washington D. Co of Northern Mindanao, Mario Daquiz of Uni Writing Instruments, nat'l. champion coach for elementary makabayan Ms. Moneda Agabe, board of judges member Dr. Jason Madamba, makabayan nat'l. champion Lorelyn Joy O. Feliciano from Western Visayas, board of judges member Dr. Alberto Gamboa, Gay Palarca – Tayag, president of QBF, quizmaster Anthony Suntay, board of judges members Dr. Bernardino Li, Chairman Dr. Rene delos Santos and Dr. Ramon Cabag. The champions received a President Gloria Macapagal – Arroyo trophy, Quiz Bee Gold Médallion of Excellence, 24 vols. of Colliers Encyclopedia, Hutchinsons Family Encyclopedia, personal computer, gift packages from Nutroplex Multivitamins, Tetra Pak and Uni Writing Instruments and e-learning courses from Netopia Internet Café. For more information log on to www.quizbee.com

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Century Park Hotel appoints new GM

GILL

AFTER many years of cordial partnership with the ANA Hotels International, the Century Park Hotel has decided to be self-manage. And both parties have amicably agreed to no longer renew the management contract. The Century Park Hotel will continue to give its guests the best quality of service it has always been known for. With the departure of ANA Hotels, effective January 1, 2003, the Maranaw Hotels and Resorts Corp., the managing and owning company of the Century Park has appointed British national Paul Russel Gill to be its new general manager.

Gill was the executive assistant manager of the Charterhouse Hotel-HongKong. He has a wide experience in the hospitality business. His different assignments have brought him around Europe and Asia. Gill started his career in the hotel industry with the London Hilton in September 1980 as a trainee. He then moved to Noga Hilton, Geneva, Switzerland in 1983 as demi chef de partie. In 1984 he was back in London as senior chef de partie for the Grosvenor House Hotel. In 1985 he moved to Meridien Piccadilly, London as its sous chef. From 1987 to 1989 he was in another hotel in England, this time it was the Inigo Jones, Covenant Garden where he became executive sous chef.

This F&B man then transferred to Le Sous Sol Restaurant in London before becoming executive sous chef for the Taipei Hilton from 1992 to 1994. He then moved on to be executive chef for the Kuching Hilton, Sarawak, East Malaysia. His first hotel job in the Philippines was for the Cebu Plaza Hotel. He was again appointed executive chef and served in Cebu from 1994 to 1996. Gill then became food and beverage manager for the Charterhouse Hotel Hong Kong from 1996 to 1999. While with the Charterhouse, he was also made consultant to the International Club. In 1999 he was made executive assistant manager of the same hotel.

At the start of the year 2003, Paul Russel Gill will once again make a milestone in his career as a hotelier. As the new general manager of the Century Park Hotel, he has already started working closely with the hotel's department heads for a smooth transition of administration. Gill thanks his predecessor Bobby C. Carpio, for all the programs that he has implemented for the improvement of the hotel's services. Gill looks forward to adopting these programs and further elevate them.

PCCHS Class 1963 40th anniversary grand reunion

THE Philippine College of Commerce High School Batch '63 will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a grand reunion on Jan. 18, 2003 at the Bureau of Soils and Water Management Convention Hall, Quezon Memorial Circle corner Visayas Avenue, Diliman Quezon City. Admission is free. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. Please call Belma Cristobal-Orca 527-7651 / 57 local 202 or Ramon San 942-3588 for details.

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Canon Marketing Philippines (CMP) is a major trade exhibitor of the upcoming Photoworld Manila 2003, (PWM 2003), an annual photo and trade show which will be held at the Glorietta, Ayala Center, Makati City from Jan. 17 to 22 this year. Canon Marketing will showcase its latest digicams, printers, scanners and state-of-the-art products during the show. The much-awaited EOS digital camera models will be the center of attraction in the Canon booth where commercial photographers will have the chance to view and to test the camera's capabilities. Photo shows Canon officials explaining EOS 1D features to PWM 2003 officials: (from left) Angelo Martinez, sales marketing manager, CMP; Jun Rapanan, chair PWM 2003; Ramon G. Artefacio, executive vice president and chief operating officer CMP; Victor Sison, education committee, PWM 2003 and Vinchy Sanchez, senior sales and marketing manager. A series of photo workshops will be held at the Asian Institute of Management from Jan. 18 to 20, led by Don McGregor, a Canadian photographer, and a host of local speakers. Interested photographers may call 8137420 or 8435341; email ppfpwm@pacific.net.ph or visit www.photoworldmanila.com

College of the Holy Spirit homecoming

ON FEB. 2, the College of the Holy Spirit will hold its annual alumnae homecoming at the Mendiola Campus grounds at 8 a.m. CHS High School batch '78, this year's Silver Jubilarians, will host this year's grand affair dubbed "Woman Power: Spirit of '78 Lives On!" The highlight of this event will be the presentations of HS Classes '33, '38, '48, '53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, and college '78. All CHS alumnae are invited to attend this reunion, where yesterday's teeny-boppers are today's power brokers in the Philippine business, political and social arenas. Major sponsors of the homecoming are San Miguel Corp. and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. For details, call Isa at 634-9504 or Chiqui at 722-6051.

SEN. PIMENTEL INDUCTS UST-MSA AND MFA OFFICERS

Senator Aquilino 'Nene' Pimentel recently inducted the officers of the UST-Medical Staff Association and UST-Medical Faculty Association held at the Rembrandt Hotel in Quezon City. From left are: Dr. Cynthia F. Fernandez, outgoing MSA president; Dr. Edgardo T. Orlina, MFA president; Dr. Alfred H. Belmonte, MSA P.R.O.; Dr. George G. Lim, Dr. Chona T. Capulong, MSA board members; Dr. Anne Marie C. Trinidad, MSA treasurer; Senator Pimentel; Dr. Rebecca A. Castro, MFA vice president; Dr. Jocylyn S. Bautista, MFA treasurer; Dr. Minerva P. Calimag, MSA secretary; Dr. Manuel L. Barnes; Dr. Annie Yu-Soliven, MFA board member; Dr. Gabino V. Ranoa, MSA and MFA board member and Dr. Rolando E. Cabatu, MSA president.

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San Beda's Pista ng Sto. Nino

SAN BEDA College, a century-old Benedictine institution, celebrates the feast of the Sto. Nino, traditionally called Pista ng Sto. Nino sa San Beda. Bedan alumni and devotees of the Sto. Nino de Praga look forward each year to a unique celebration of the feast of the child Jesus who occupies the center altar of the Abbey Church of Our Lady of Montserrat in Mendiola, Manila. This year's festivity, which is also part of the school's fair (Frolics) has the theme "Pista ng Sto. Nino sa San Beda Kasama ang Buong Pamilya", in conjunction with the 4th World Meeting of Families in Manila. The 2-day festivity features academic and art exhibits, booths and games, theater presentations, festival of families, battle of the bands, car shows, field demonstrations, athletic competitions and raffle draws. Highlight of the event is the procession in honor of the Sto. Nino today starting 3:30 p.m. All Bedans and family devotees of the Sto. Nino de Praga are invited.

Festival dances at the Rizal Park

CONCERT at the Park joins the country in welcoming the world to the Visit Philippines Year 2003 starting this January with colorful and rich showcases of our very own festival dances. Susan Fernandez hosts the Sunday program at the Open-Air Auditorium, Rizal Park, Manila. The Lahing Batangan Dance Troupe from Lyceum of Batangas takes centerstage today, with a presentation focused on "Mindanao: Isla ng Makulay at Mayamang Kultura." The presentations culminate in a Holy Mass on Jan. 26 for the 4th World Meeting of Families. The Concert at the Park begins at 5 p.m. and is free of charge. It is a weekly cultural project of the National Parks Development Committee and the National Broadcasting Network. It is aired nationwide over NBN-Channel 4 every Friday at 11:30 p.m.

Cancer Consciousness Week guest

SENATOR Franklin Drilon will be the guest of honor during the ceremonies to open the observance of the 2003 National Cancer Consciousness Week. The affair will be held at the SM Megamall at 2 p.m. Drilon will cut the ribbon the open the exhibits set up by the Department of Health, the Philippine Cancer Society and various participating agencies for the observance. The exhibits will be followed by a mass and fun activities to mark the celebration of National Cancer Survivors' Day. The National Cancer Consciousness Week has been held since 1975, with the objective of raising the community's awareness of the health implications of cancer and illness related to it. The DOH and the Philippine Cancer Society were mandated to spearhead the observance.

PHILFOODEX FOOD SHOW

The Philippine Food Processors and Exporters Organization (Philfoodex), in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Trade and Industry, is holding its 2nd Philippine Food Exposition from Jan. 29 to Feb. 2, at the Megatrade Halls in Mandaluyong City. The five-day event will showcase the best in the Philippine food products including marine, meat and poultry products, food ingredients, food packaging materials and equipment, food processing equipment and machinery and food handling and transportation facilities. At left is Philfoodex president Jesus T. Tanchanco Sr., as he stresses a point during a press conference held the other day at Paseo Restaurant in Quezon City. With him are Philfoodex chair Edward F. David and Velia J. Cruz, vice president and chair of this year's food show organizing committee.

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Mangyans produce best calamansi drink

By Madonna T. Virola
PDI Southern Luzon

TUGDAAN Mangyan students (above) assisting in the food production processing project at the foot of Mt. Halcon. Tugdaan's best products (inset). MADONNA VIROLA

NAUJAN, Oriental Mindoro—"Prepared from the country's best naturally grown *calamansi* (lime) fruit. It is chemical and pesticide-free and has no food color, or preservatives."

This is how the Mangyans describe their products.

But in a society where tastes have been conditioned by chemicals and advertisements, bringing up the sales of the calamansi concentrate poses a challenge.

"It is nutritious, the taste is good and my children actually like them," says Mercedita Anorico, a nutritionist-dietitian at the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital.

"Instead of taking some time and energy in preparing *calamansi* juice, the concentrate is a lot more convenient and satisfying," says Dr. Ivy Goco, a dentist and a product distributor.

But in schools where packaging and "class" matter to students, soft drinks are unbeatable.

"The challenge is in marketing the idea of an alternative drink, which is really a challenge given the millions of pesos that advertisers spend in selling their products," says Fely Sevilla, an entrepreneur and advocate of women and children's rights.

Starting with the concentrate

The Mangyans involved in the project, who come from five tribes, started out by producing *calamansi* concentrate flavored and sweetened with honey and enriched with Vitamin C. A bottle sells for P65.

From there, they diversified into ready-to-drink fresh *calamansi* juice, which they put it in a bottle with mountain spring water and wild honey.

They have learned to maximize the fruits by processing the rind into *calamansi* marmalade.

Other products include herbal jelly, herbal jelly with eucalyptus, guava jelly with hibiscus and *calamansi*, wild honey from the mountains of Mindoro and hibiscus nectar concentrate with mountain spring water, fresh *calamansi* and wild honey.

"The project started in 1992 when the Mangyans' *calamansi* production was really abundant," says Benjamin Abadiano, coordinator of the Tugdaan Mangyan School located in Barangay Paitan in the town of Naujan during that time. "But the lowlanders would buy the products at a very low price."

He recounted that buyers only paid P9 for a kilo of *calamansi*. Minus the traveling expenses that the Mangyan suppliers incurred in bringing their products to the lowlands, they would go home with just a small income.

Through the help of Sr. Cora, a missionary sister, the community of Mangyans decided to buy the *calamansi* produce and manufacture them into concentrate which they were able to sell at a higher price.

They have standardized the purchase price of *calamansi* at P12 per kilo.

Next was coming up with the name of the product.

"It was also fun. One suggestion sounded like a brand of deodorant. Another one named the product after me, Ben's juice. I told them 'no, the product is not mine but yours,'" Abadiano says.

They ended up with Nature's Delight, which was renamed Tugdaan's Best in 1997—named after their place.

Best formula

Abadiano says the Mangyans also owe a lot to the Department of Trade and Industry which helped train the people on food processing techniques.

Abadiano remembers the very positive comments of those who first tasted the product like "it's the best formula!"

Encouraged by the positive feedback, production started in a small space at the nearby convent of the Holy Spirit Missionaries. But since the place was not ideal for storing the products, the Mangyans transferred the production to the campus of the Tugdaan Mangyan School.

The Mangyan mothers were primarily responsible for growing the business. They focused on the production to address the demand of the consumers.

"The project was also meant to finance some activities of the Tugdaan Mangyan School like its pre-school program for the Mangyans which was a concern near the hearts of the mothers," Abadiano says.

The demand for the products grew and so the producers had to undergo further training with the DTI office in Manila.

About 100 formulas were tried before the Mangyans came up with one that guaranteed both taste and shelf life to the product.

They even experimented with chemicals to extend the shelf life of the product but it was short-lived because of the group's advocacy on health and the environment. They decided to retain a purely organic formula and to just put an expiry date on the containers.

Keeping the business

Later on, the Philippine Business for Social Progress suggested that Tugdaan's products be integrated in Kalahan Foundation, a producer of processed wild fruits, for better marketing. The Mangyans, however, decided to keep the business.

"It was also good that the Mangyans did not turn over their management and product name," said Abadiano.

The *calamansi* project hurdled a number of stumbling blocks.

"There was no orderly turnover of the project and clear guidance," says Abadiano when asked to evaluate the project after a decade. But he reiterated that the products are saleable.

"When I entered the Loyola School of Theology (a Jesuit school for those who want to become priests), my room would be filled with bottles of Tugdaan *calamansi* juice because of orders," Abadiano says.

He left the school of Theology and worked for Tabang Mindanaw under the Assisi Foundation Program. He has been serving the tribal people, including the indigenous people in Mindanao.

Marketing help needed

But he says he was told that he would be joining the evaluation of Tugdaan programs when the school year ends this summer where the food-processing project will be re-addressed.

"We need someone with a background in marketing," he says.

Eilyn Tupaz, a 25-year-old Tadyawan Mangyan, is the present manager of the food-processing project.

"I learned from experience. Sr. Maco, a Holy Spirit Missionary Sister formerly assigned in Paitan, trained me because she said the Tagalogs would not be serving the Mangyans. The high school students assist us during the day as part of their subject in Practical Arts," Tupaz says.

She says that they could now produce 200 bottles per day.

"Since the capital is high we cannot afford a big market. We only

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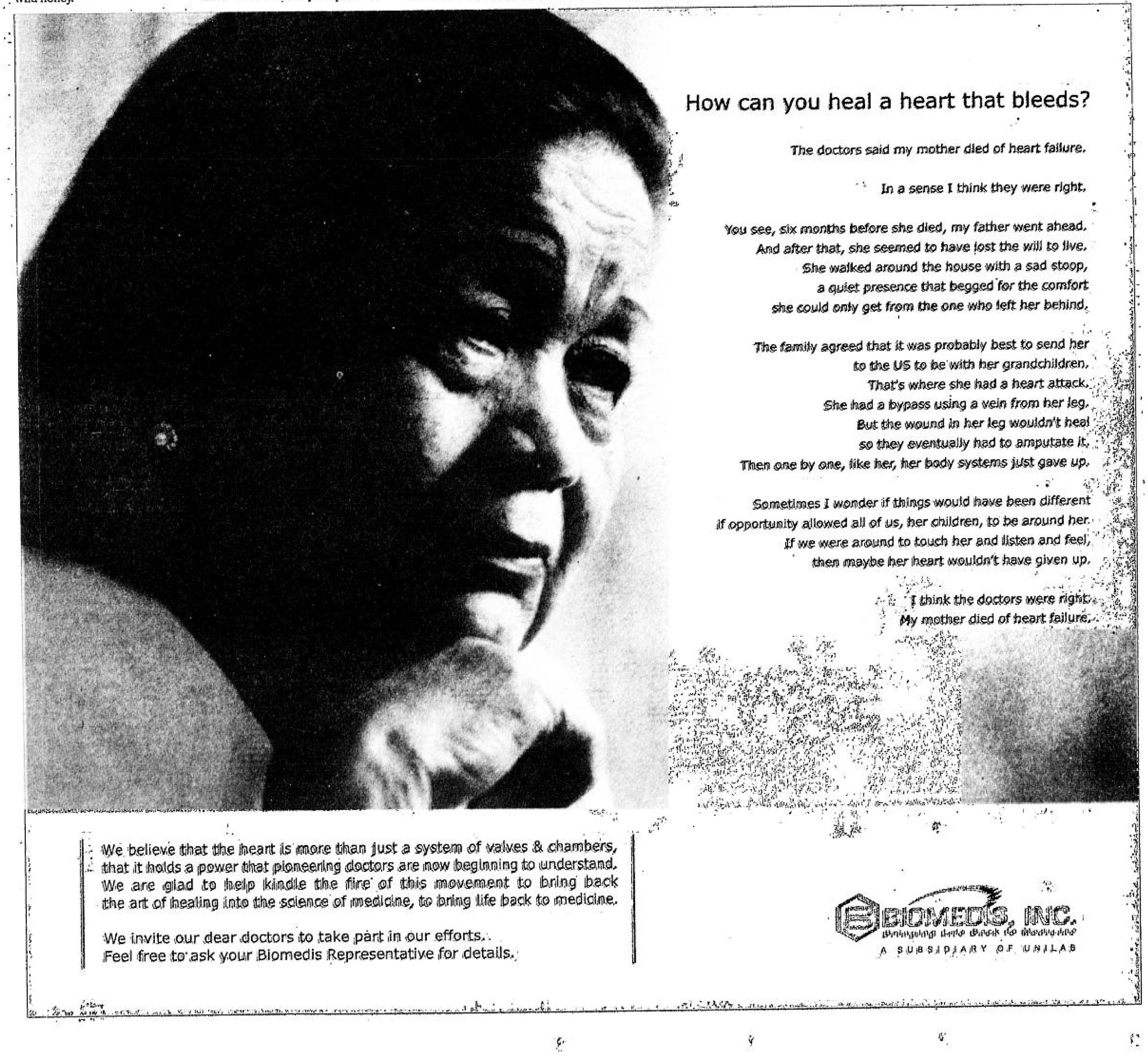

How can you heal a heart that bleeds?

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Then one by one, like her, her body systems just gave up.

Sometimes I wonder if things would have been different
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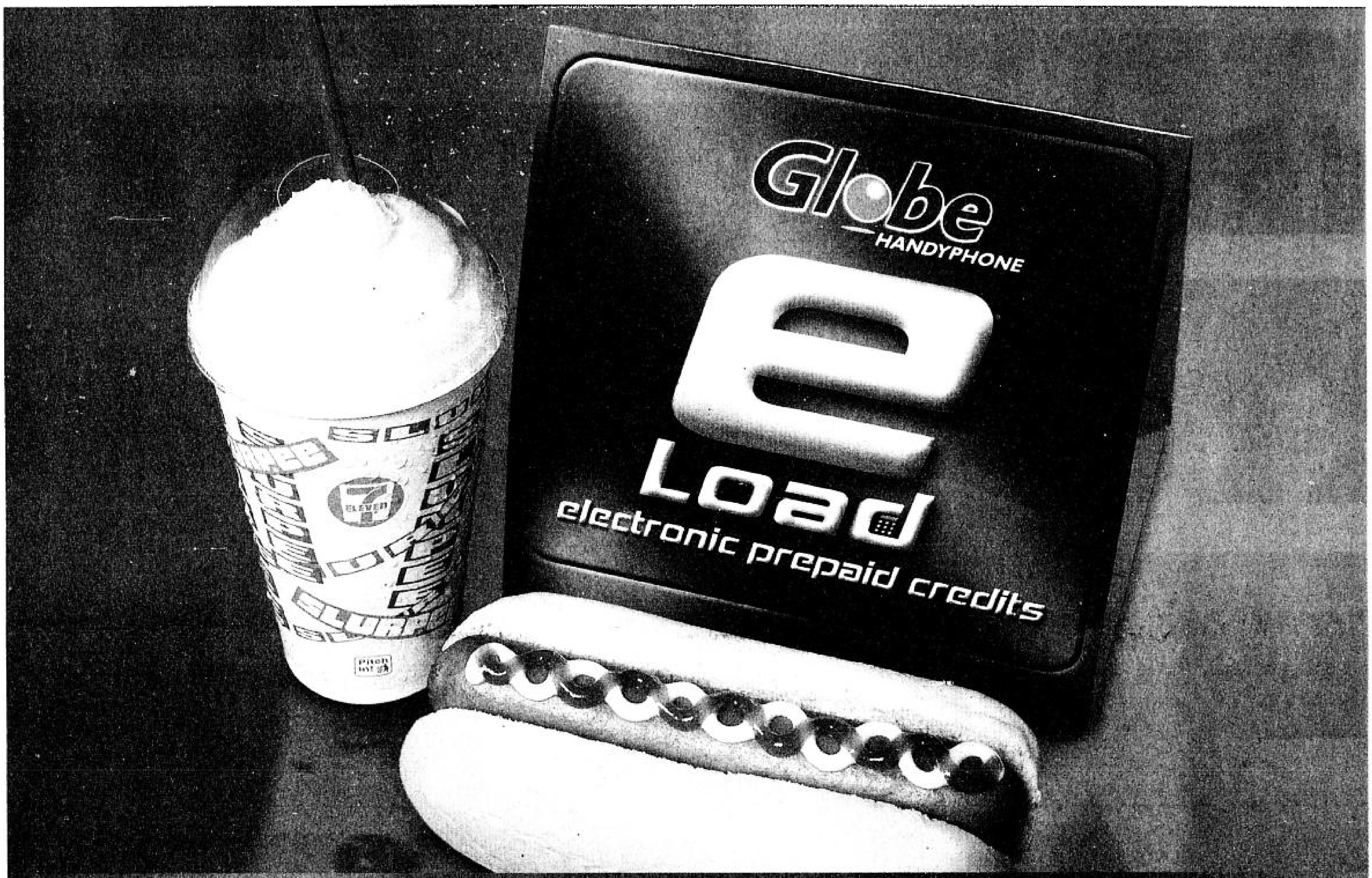

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Times shouldn't be this interesting

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

THE CHINESE say, "May you live in interesting times." One wishes, though, they weren't this interesting.

Can you imagine what a damper it was on a lovely evening when Italian Ambassador **Umberto Colesanti** received a call on the cell phone during dinner with the report that an Italian national, a consultant of the National Power Corporation, was waylaid and killed in Cavinti, Laguna? Who knows if they ever found the perpetrators?

On a happier note, French Ambassador **Renee Veyret** conferred the Ordre National du Merite on Dr. **Erlinda Pefianco** at her residence early December. Dr. Pefianco is the director of the Regional Center for Educational Training and Technology of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (Seameo). As directorship of the Seameo Innotech, Dr. Pefianco contributed to the development of close ties with France and initiated the building of a collaborative program with the French ministers of foreign affairs and education, especially in the use of new information technology in education.

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The Friends for Cultural Concerns of the Philippines (FCCP) sponsored the second of their home concert series at the home of founding chair **Chito Madrigal Collantes.** The concert featured three top artists in different areas of performing arts.

Chinggoy Alonzo did songs from "My Fair Lady," "Camelot," and "South Pacific," followed by Vienna-based soprano **Camille Lopez** and **Raul Sunico**, who performed Schumann, Albeniz, Rachmaninoff, Ravel, Liszt and folk songs by Cuenco as arranged by the pianist himself. Now, if the organizers will only see to it that the piano is properly tuned next time.

Setting off the evening were the combined voices of the FCCP Chorale and the Ateneo Alumni Glee Club. Buffet was set up in the hostess' spacious garden aglow with a special Christmas tree decorated by **Jun Jun Ablaza**, which greeted the guests as they entered the patio.

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Despite the traffic and the Christmas rush, popular Thai Ambassador **Busba Bunnag's** celebration of Thailand's National Day turned out to be a grand success. Stalls were set up to serve "street cuisine" like spicy seafood soup. There was a demonstration of Thai artistry in carving soaps in the shape of fruits and flowers that were given away to guests. The guests were in no hurry to leave.

We spotted House Speaker **Joe de Venecia** as well as former President **Fidel Ramos**, United States Ambassador and Mme. **Francis Ricciardone**, Don **Ado Escudero**, **Paz Yuchengco**, **Letty Syquia**, Singapore counselor **Paul Koh**, Consul **Evie Costa**, **Chito** and **Ana Sobrepeña** of Metrobank, Belgian Ambassador and Mme. **Christiane Tanghe**, Indian Ambassador **Nevrelkha Sharma**, Myanmar Ambassador and Mme. **U. Tin Htun**, Canadian Ambassador **Robert Collette**, Saudi Ambassador **Saleh Al Ghamdi** (who was preparing for his new assignment), Swedish Ambassador **Ulf** and **Lena Hakansson**, Singapore Ambassador **Jackie Foo** (who declared it was time to go home since his wife discovered Virra Mall and the joys of shopping in a *tiangge*).

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During his four year-stint here, Saudi Ambassador Saleh Al Ghamdi endeared himself to Filipinos with his easygoing charm and relaxed manner. His farewell reception was attended not only by members of the diplomatic corps but the many friends he had made in the country.

Among the guests were Nena and **Al Casimiro**, INQUIRER chair **Marixi Prieto**, **Alex Prieto**, **Baby Arenas**, Spanish Ambassador **Tomas Pantoja**, former Senator **Leticia Shahani**, Russian Ambassador and Mme. **Anatoli Nebogatova**, Sri Lankan Ambassador **P.G. Karunasiri**, Italian Ambassador Umberto and **Clara Colesanti** (both of whom enjoy collecting antique pieces of jewelry), Venezuelan Ambassador **Milena Ramirez**, Dr. **Salem Adams** of Libya, Ambassador **Raimo** and **Piuu Antolla** of Finland, French Ambassador Renee Veyret, Austrian Ambassador **Christiane** and **Irmgard Krepela** and British Ambassador **Paul** and **Marilyn Dimond.**

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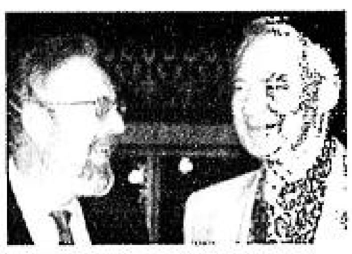
ITALIAN Ambassador Umberto Colesanti and Netherlands Ambassador Theo Arnold

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IMELDA Cojuangco and Chloe Periquet

Cebu sends off old year and welcomes new one with music

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

THE ARTS Council ended 2002 and opened the New Year with big musical events.

Large crowds, composed mainly of students, attended both events. Council president **Petite Garcia** keeps a close watch on attendance, spending entire performances at the entrance to make sure everything runs smoothly.

The December concert, "With Strings Attached," was staged in collaboration with the British Council, which brought in celebrated United Kingdom cellist **Matthew Barley**. The cellist spent several sessions with members of the Peace Philharmonic Philippines (PPP) giving lessons and rehearsing numbers for the show.

The concert was held at the Arctic Hall of the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and attended by British Council director **Gill Westaway. Chino Toledo** came from Manila to conduct the PPP Chamber Players.

Also featured in the program were soprano **Lisa Cabahug**, who has Cebu roots, and pop singer **Butch Montejo**, who has a powerful voice. The loudest applause was for Matthew, of course. Credited with the success of the event was **Alicia Tan Plaza**, who chaired it.

In the first week of January, under the sponsorship of the Embassy of Israel, the internationally acclaimed Tel Aviv Trio performed at the well-appointed Sinulog Ballroom of the City Sports Club near the Ayala Center.

Brilliant performers

The trio is composed of **Jonathan Aner** (piano) and the **Givol** brothers, Matan (violin) and Ira (cello). The musicians, who are in their early 20s, are based in Germany, where they are studying in three different cities on scholarships. They get together to rehearse for the brilliant performances that have earned them critical acclaim everywhere they play. A recording of their performance at the Louvre museum in Paris is a good example.

It was the group's first visit to Cebu, and the Philippines for that matter, and they would want to return. Cebuanos had the chance to interact with the musicians at a luncheon presided by **Roi Dvir**, cultural attaché of the Israeli embassy, at the Garden Café of the Marriott Hotel where the trio was billeted. General manager **Christiane Wasfy** attended the luncheon, which also included the Arts Council's youngest trustees, **Candice Gotianuy** and **Bunny Ludo.** The two trustees chaired the Israeli musical event.

The ambassador of Israel, Her Excellency **Irit Ben Abba**, also came to Cebu for the occasion, and met a cross-section of the Cebu art crowd during cocktails before the concert. The ambassador has many friends here, having made numerous visits. "I have lost count," she said, adding that she looked forward to more visits. And there will be several opportunities to visit this year.

The program opened with Haydn's Trio in C Major. The first movement was exuberantly youthful as interpreted by the young players: *adagio pastorale-vivace assai*. Next, *molto andante*, was utterly romantic. The finale, presto, was a brilliant display of virtuosity in unison.

The audience was eager to hear Variations on a Hebrew Melody by Paul Ben-Haim (1907-1984) considered as Israel's foremost composer. The trio's great power of concentration and delicacy of delivery was evident in the work, which has eight movements. Every tinkle of the piano (one movement was a piano solo), every nuance of the violin, and every murmur of the cello rang clear. One had to congratulate **Rene Almendras** (president of the Ayalas' Cebu Holdings Corp.) for redoing the ballroom and achieving perfect acoustics. The price of $10,000 was well worth it.

Lighter Brahms

The concert ended with Trio No. 2 in C Major by Brahms. Normally, you hear the name and you shudder because, to laymen, Brahms means heavy music. But in the hands of capable musicians such as the Tel Aviv Trio, that was not the case at all. The group played it the way the composer wrote it and perhaps even delivered it in his time. Brahms is known for the supreme excellence of his work—a trio by him is as grandiose as a symphony.

There was such applause—sustained for some time—that **Vivina Yrastorza, Mariter Klepp** and **Tetta Ba-ad** hesitated a bit about mounting the stage to offer the artists congratulatory garlands. After they got the flowers, Jonathan, Matan and Ira did an encore—"Israeli Dances"—by contemporary composer Jonathan Keren. Just as they did at the Louvre.

A few days later, the Arts Council was once more in the limelight when it presented matinee and gala shows by the spectacular Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group at Theater One of SM City Cebu. Chair was **Elena Chiongbian Young.** The group presented Filipino folk dances and elaborate court dances from Thailand, colorful dances from Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Next on the cultural calendar is the first Chinese Film Festival chaired by **Elvira Lu Ym**, and, with the full cooperation of China's Consul General **Wu Lianqi** and Consul **Wang Jilu.** Also at SM's Theater One, it will be held Jan. 23-25.

Preparations are underway for a performance on March 15 by pianist **Aima Briones Labra**, with an orchestral ensemble from the Seoul Academy. Aima is a Cebuana based in Austria, and she is going to Seoul to perform under the baton of Austrian conductor **Bernd Gradwohl.** According to Chino Toledo, Aima and **Albert Tiu** (also a Cebuano) could easily be considered the best Filipino pianists today.

So, when can Cebu expect another visit from Ambassador Irit Ben Abba? The Arts Council, consulting its cultural calendar, believes it will be on May 22 for the performance of an Israeli classical duo. **Silvan Silver** and **Gil Garburg** need two identical pianos for this event. Is this going to be a husband-and-wife team? When the Tel Aviv Trio was asked, it answered: "Not yet, already."

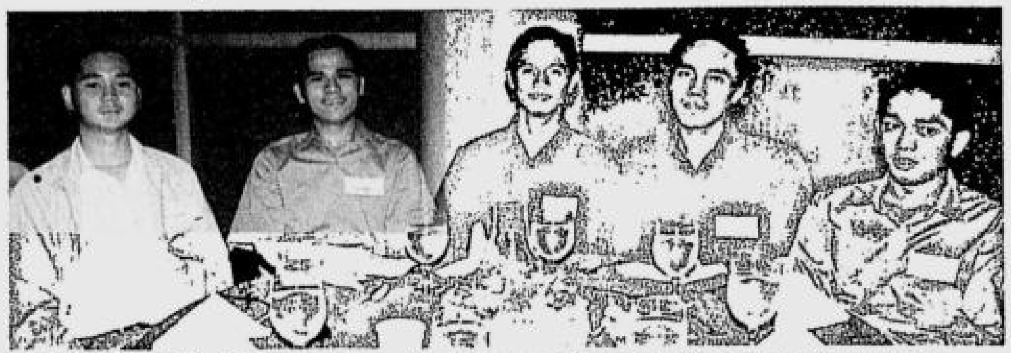
SWISS Consul Markus Stern, Israel Ambassador Irit Ben Abba and Chinese Consul General Wu Lianqi

BRITISH Council director Gill Westaway, cellist Matthew Barley and Arts Council president Petite Garcia

THE TEL Aviv Trio, Matan Givol (violin), Ira Givol (cello) and Jonathan Aner (piano)

BATCH 99. Jaytie Lopez is an engineer, while Arcai Sario, Gen Sarrael, Mariel Oira, Nancy Estrellado and Mayk Biscocho are all teachers.

SM'S Henry Sy and wife Felicidad with Batch '98 alumni-scholars during the first SM Scholar's Alumni Homecoming


BATCH 2000. Julius Mendoza, Alexander Godoy and Chris Sta. Mina are engineers, while Edsel Forrevillas manages an Internet cafe.

Foundation scholars hold reunion

SM Foundation organized recently the first reunion of alumni of its College Scholarship Program at the new SM corporate offices on Roxas Boulevard.

Two-hundred scholar-alumni attended the homecoming, which was graced by SM founder and chair Henry Sy Sr. and members of his family—Felicidad Sy, Tessie Sy-Coson, Hans Sy, Harley Sy and Debbie Sy. SM Foundation's Dr. Paulino Tan, Linda Atayde, Connie Angeles and Jose Sio were also present.

SM Foundation's scholarship program, set up in 1993, has an average of 400 scholars every school year. So far, it has helped 800 poor but deserving college students.

Among the 200 who attended the reunion, 69 are school teachers and professors. About a fourth are engineers while more than 70 are in information technology.

Two alumni who recently passed the board examinations were cited. They were Jerico Cristobal, an electronics and engineering graduate from the University of the East, and Edbryam Cayme, a magna cum laude graduate of University of San Jose at Recoletos Cebu.

The program was hosted by SM Foundation executive director Angeles and Dr. Nonoy Zuñiga.

After the program, each alumnus received a certificate of appreciation and a watch. Dinner followed.

The College Scholarship Program is one of SM Foundation's projects to reach out to the less fortunate.

BATCH 2001's magna cum laude Edbryam Cayme is now an engineer

JERICO Cristobal placed 11th in the engineering board exam

Mag features cover model search winner

RAIZEN Jopet Angga slips from under the blanket and lands on the cover of Baby Magazine's January issue.

The seven-month-old child of Ryan and Blanca Angga won over 200 contestants in the magazine's cover model search held in October as part of the publications sixth anniversary.

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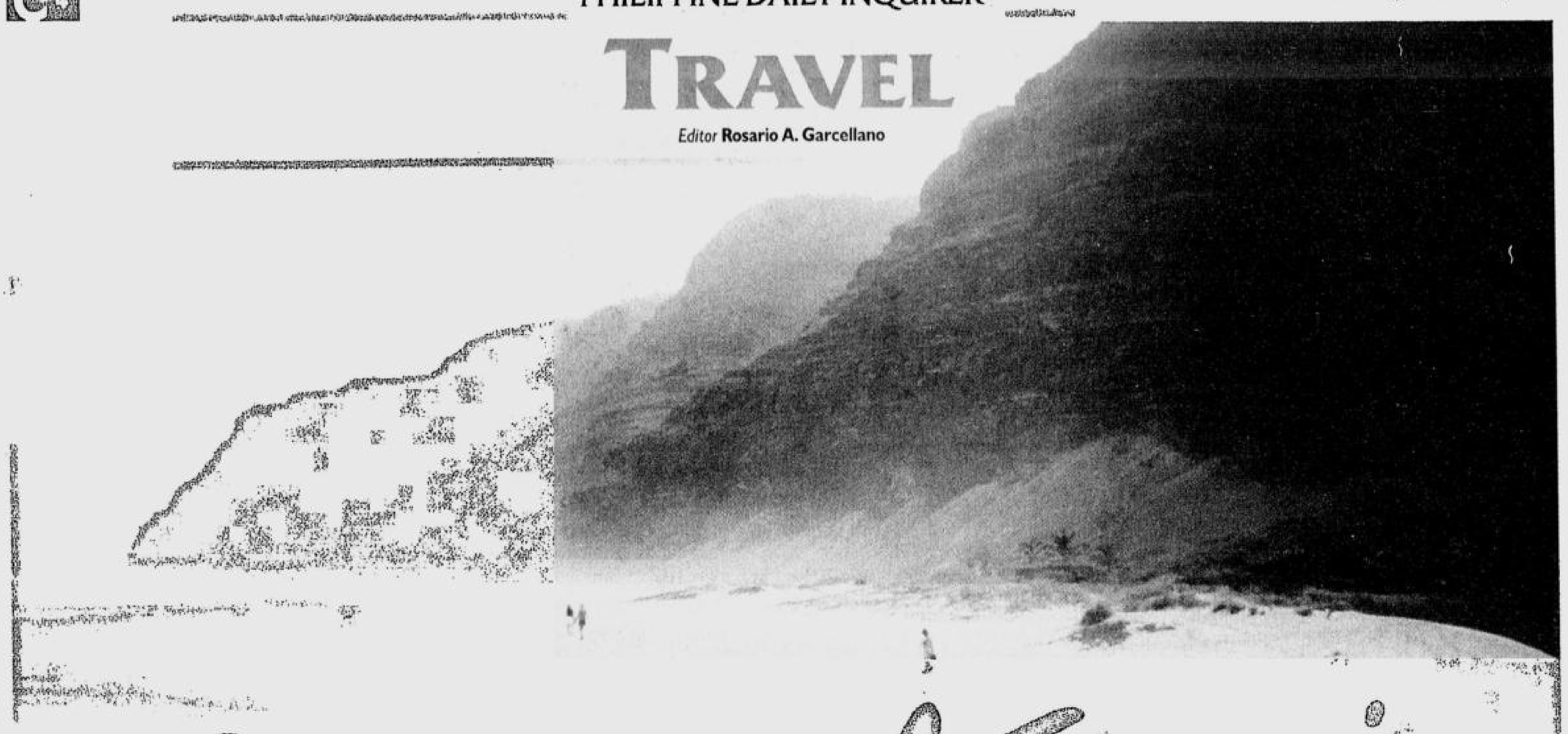

Awesome Kauai

SIGHT to die for: Polihale Beach

Text and photos by Leezl Mendoza
Contributor

ALL we intended was to wind down there but it turned out to be one of the most exhilarating stops in our trip.

During our recent five-state tour of the United States, the last stop in our itinerary was the island of Kauai in Hawaii. Some of our relatives have been living there for a long time and we simply wanted to relax in the company of familiar faces before heading home to the Philippines.

Kauai, also known as The Garden Island because of its lush vegetation, is about 102 miles from the northwestern side of Oahu (where Honolulu, Waikiki and Pearl Harbor are located). The first thought that struck us when we arrived at the Lihue Airport was that we were back in our country, except that the airport was really small but quite organized.

When we had the chance to drive around town before dusk, we saw that everyone was preparing to call it a day. No nightlife here, according to our hosts.

Much of the lowlands look more like our towns in the countryside, except for the well paved concrete roads. There is even a bust of our national hero, Jose Rizal (in Kapaa town, if I'm not mistaken). We thought we were in the inner towns of the Ilocos, not only because there are so many Ilocanos in Hawaii but primarily because of the residents' laid-back lifestyle. And the weather was also quite warm at that time.

A point of interest is the varying weather and vegetation around the island. The northern side has foliage much like a rain forest, but the western side is arid, almost desert-like.

According to geological findings, Kauai was formed about five million years ago and is the oldest of the main Hawaiian islands.

It is said Kauai emerged from the sea as a volcano. Local lore has it that it was the first island on which the volcano goddess Pele made her home upon arriving in Hawaii.

Indeed, the visitor to Kauai will see eons-old imprints of the many myths and legends of the island.

Throngs of Filipinos migrated to Kauai decades ago, at a time when sugar plantations were the primary industry there.

At present, however, tourism is the main source of revenues. Even after the island was ravaged by a very powerful tornado a few years ago, the island remains lush with vegetation because of its volcanic soil.

The residents of Kauai value their environment so much that a high-transmission antenna placed atop a mountain had to be transformed into a structure that resembles a pine tree from afar. Even a one-lane bridge in Hanalei built in the 1900s cannot be replaced by the government because the residents consider it part of their heritage.

And there is so much to appreciate.

The sight alone of taro plantations in the Hanalei Valley evokes serenity because of the almost perfect linear way that the crop was planted. (Taro is the main ingredient in making poi, the Hawaiians' traditional staple food.)

The most dramatic sight on the Garden Island is the Napali Coast on the North Shore. It can be reached by boat or helicopter. Or one can hike through the Kalahau trail for long arduous hours, even days, depending on one's stamina.

But the awesome cliffs and mountains of Napali can be fully seen and admired only from the ocean. (This is why many tourists prefer to take the boat tours, which offer not only sightseeing but also snorkeling.) The steep cliffs of Napali thrust right into the Pacific Ocean along the northwest coastline, which ancient Hawaiians used to inhabit.

There is also Mount Waialeale, an extinct volcano that stands at 5,148 feet above sea level and is one of the most famous tourist spots in Kauai. It is considered the wettest part on earth, with an average rainfall of 400 to 600 inches per year—and it does drizzle there almost every day.

Another fabulous sight is the Waimea Canyon, which Mark Twain once called "the Grand Canyon of the Pacific." It is famous for its reddish color that provides a stark contrast to the lush greenery.

There are a few hiking trails, such as the Iliau Nature loop or the Halemanu-Kokee trail. But we were not able to take any of the trails during our stay because our itinerary simply did not permit us to do so. Next time, we promised ourselves.

But the visitor will be sufficiently awed by just taking in the sights at the Kokee State Park. If you are blessed with sharp vision like my tourist-companions, you may glimpse a mountain goat grazing somewhere at the canyon. Unfortunately, I am blessed only with sharp ears. I didn't see the goat, but I swear I heard it.

In the Hawaiian islands, a common "natural wonder" is a spouting horn, one of which can be seen at the Spouting Horn Park along Lawai Road in the Poipu area in the south shore of Kauai.

A spouting horn produces a geyser-like effect, created when a wave forces water through a lava tube under the rocks causing a hissing sound. The water then spouts up to several meters high with great intensity out of the tube.

It was a magnificent sight to behold, but as I was to find out, taking photos of the water spouting requires a lot of patience because it is quite unpredictable.

Also in the south shore is the eucalyptus tree tunnel along Maluhia Road, which reminded me of the eucalyptus trees along the National Highway in Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte.

The Garden Island is so teeming with natural wonders and tourist spots that it was heartbreaking to have to choose only a few spots to fit in our four-day stay.

It was, indeed, a great way to wind down our US tour, but I would very much welcome a chance to go back there again if only to see the other places we had to forego.

The next time we visit the United States, it will be a trip to Kauai alone.

SPECTACULAR view from the Kilauea Lighthouse

WAIMEA, Mark Twain's "Grand Canyon of the Pacific"

Sweet sap of Canada

WINTER holds the maple in its freezing grip, tires and lets go in the spring. Then the sweet sap runs, and children of all ages pick and lick at the sticky treat with twigs or chilled fingers.

Scattered in the snow-covered forests of Ontario and Quebec are the Sugar Shacks. Often random and ramshackle, they are in use for a month or so each February, March and April, and issue an intoxicating aroma of simmering caramel blended with burning maple as the sap from the surrounding trees is rendered in vats over open fires to form the deep brown syrup.

Driving up through the forest, you will see the taps poking out from the trunks of the sugar and black maple trees.

As the frozen sap melts in the early spring sunshine it drips into a can hanging beneath the tap. At day's end, the contents are taken to the shack and poured into today's cauldron of the bubbling elixir.

The Sugar Shacks are a short distance from the major cities of Eastern Canada, and on weekends attract city folk who buy from the source for the coming year.

The children, of course, indulge in a ritual as old as Canada itself, an annual spring treat for generation after generation of Canadians—the Sugaring Off party.

For a dollar or so you can join in.

Take a tin plate, follow the kids to scoop up some snow, carry it back to the shack and take your turn at the steaming cauldron, where a generous helping of syrup is ladled in a melting pattern on your snow. As it hits the cold, it hardens and you suck and chew the strands till you need to do it all over again.

Not only do the Sugar Shacks produce a commercially valuable batch of Maple syrup, they also offer evenings of eating and entertainment in large Maple barns.

In Quebec, these meals are unique to French Canada where habitant cuisine, the basic fare of the early settlers from Normandy, features course cut pâtés, ham and pea soup, *tortière* (spicy pork and veal pie), *fèves au lard* (beans) and maple sugar pie.

All this is washed down with Caribou, a potent local concoction blending port wine, or local cider. And if you still have room, you can finish with maple liquor, a maple coffee and maple sugar candies.

Don't worry about the calories; your hosts will soon get you up and dancing rounds to the fiddle and squeeze box.

Richard Pennick

The Sucrerie de la Montagne, about 40 minutes from Montreal, provides an excellent "sugaring off" culinary and festive experience. For more information go to http://www.sucreriedelamontagne.com/welcome.htm or call (450) 451-0831.

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Franciscan tour

FILIPINIANA buffs, Franciscan devotees and tourists interested in history and culture are invited to a tour of the towns of Morong, Tanay and Baras in Rizal and Pakil, Paete, Majayjay and Nagcarlan in Laguna.

These towns surrounding Laguna de Bay were first founded by Franciscan missionaries, who left their imprint not only on the churches they built but also on the lifestyle and tradition of the people they evangelized.

The tour is being organized by writer Visitacion "Chit" de la Torre, Tower Book House, Windsor Tower, 163 Legaspi Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City. For inquiries, call 815-6925 and 815-4938.

Ballroom bash

YOU can get an eyeful of the Arizona Ballroom Company, which will perform at the Island Cove Resort's Purple Ostrich Bar, Disco and Concert Hall on Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

The dinner-dance bash will also feature a tango, swing and boogie competition. For tickets and registration for the dance competition, call the resort in Kawit, Cavite at (046) 434-0210 or its Makati office at (02)810-3740.

Lunar New Year

UNTIL March 15, visitors to Singapore from the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei and Vietnam will receive *hong baos* when they book a tour package with Singapore Airlines.

The *hong baos* contain vouchers entitling visitors to festive goodies, *halal* items and special discounts at selected tourist attractions, F&B establishments and retail outlets.

The Lunar New Year promotion underscores the importance of Asean as a key market for Singapore, according to Lee Loong Koon, Singapore Tourism Board area director for Asean and South Asia. It will be reinforced by an Asean-wide print advertisement campaign featuring Singaporean celebrity Fann Wong.

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Merrymakers planning to celebrate the Lunar New Year in Hong Kong may call Adams Express Travel at 522-3876 or 521-1638.

The agency, the first Kalakbay double awardee for tourism and festival tours, is also planning a Valentine cruise on Feb. 15-19, with Singapore as starting point and shore excursions at Langkawi Island and Halong Bay in Vietnam.

In the Philippines, Adams offers Feb. 14 escapades to Baguio, Cebu, Bohol or Palawan. Discounts are available for group travelers.

Adventures of a special librarian

By May de la Cruz
Contributor

A mother contemplates the fate of her 35-year-old autistic son who is set to acquire a college degree

FRANCIS de la Cruz

IN ABOUT two months, my son Francis will graduate with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education major in Library Science. He is 35 years old.

Francis was diagnosed at two years old as autistic. At that time, the developmental disability was not well known, so my son was lumped with other children with "special needs" in the few special schools existing then.

The schools' primary aim was just to establish "contact" or "rapport" so that the socialization process could start. An autistic child, you see, has a "world" all his own. Except for very few "trusted" adults, he allows no one into this "world."

And so, in the special school, Francis interrelated with children afflicted with Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy, hyperactivity and mental retardation, among others.

Being our first child and good-looking in his early years (most autistic children are), it broke our hearts to see him lag behind his siblings and age group in the mental and social ladder. Daily, we would patiently bring him to school and wait for his class to finish. Because we had to work to subsist his special schooling (usually very expensive) we had to hire a "special maid" to be with him at all times. This maid remains with us up to this day and is a part of the family.

Autistics insist on sameness and resist changes in routine—be it in relationships, possessions (old music records, phonographs, pillows, etc) or way of doing things.

Through the years, faced with the uncertainty on what to do next, we relied on God's providence. Looking back, we realized that as soon as Francis was ready to move to a new developmental "phase," a new school or center for children with special needs happened to be opening nearby. I can remember a few—White Hut Children's Center, St. Anne's Special School, St. John Vianney School, Montessori Children School, all in Quezon City, and the Padre Gomez Elemental School (Silahis Center) in Dapitan, Manila.

It was also fortunate that a teacher at the Montessori Children House, Myrna Gutierre,z who was finishing masteral studies in special education at UP and doing her thesis at the Silahis Center of the Padre Gomez Elementary School, believed that Francis was "educable." With patience and understanding, she taught and trained him new methods acquired from her research.

It was in this school that Francis was "mainstreamed" into a regular Grade IV class until his graduation in 1984.

We enrolled Francis at the Llamas School in Quezon City where he finished his secondary education. The school's principal, Aurora Apuada, who was owner/director of St. Anne's Special School, agreed to take Francis into Llamas perhaps in the same spirit of hope and ardent belief that my son and others like him have the potential to bloom in a friendly and tolerant atmosphere.

Surprise

Imagine our pleasant surprise when after high school, the prestigious Centro Escolar University announced it was accepting special adult high school graduates into its "Inclusion Program," the first university, as far as I know, to venture into this experimental program.

Francis braved the usual pre-enrollment milieu, which usually daunts any freshman: placement test, waiting for test results and call of acceptance from the University and later, went through the usual enrollment hassles—filling up forms, queuing for payment of tuition, uniform measurement, I.D. application, etc.

Francis was excited and all fired up! Imagine, he was now a university student! When he gets excited, his voice takes on a higher-decibel tone, earning a few stares here and there.

It would warm any "special" mother's heart that the faculty, administration staff and students of CEU appeared to understand and in fact, encouraged first-timer special students by way of their smile, friendliness and openmindedness.

Francis would tell us, too, that he is welcome anytime to visit and talk to CEU's amiable chair herself, Dr. Rosita Navarro. This atmosphere of congeniality and accessibility in this great university has developed in our special children spontaneity and naturalness, so refreshing to most people.

CEU has also equipped Francis with self-esteem by entrusting him with responsibilities in the library during his vacant hours. Ask him any subject related to library services and he will rattle off basic know-how in cataloguing, journal encoding and Dewey decimal classification.

Francis abhors summer vacation. He is restless when he does nothing, but even his restlessness is put to good use by the university which accepted him as an on-the-job trainee with allowance in the library and other units of the College of Education. The training has been initiated by the innovative and highly perceptive Dr. Paz Lucido, dean of the College of Education, and Teresita Hernandez, head of Library Services.

There are still many things that Francis has to learn in life such as social skills (including meeting a girl and asking for a date perhaps), staying focused on a job for longer periods, and learning to wait to gratify needs of the moment. But considering how far he has come to attain this stage in life, I cannot thank the Lord enough.

I wonder though what has become of his classmates who started the Inclusion Program with him. What will happen to my son after graduation? Will he find work? Are there offices that will give him a chance to earn his keep?

Can socio-civic organizations like Rotary, Lion's and Jaycees help handicaps attain self-realization and really give flesh to the Magna Carta Law for handicaps?

Will there be life for Francis after CEU?

I know that God will open another door for my special son. Only time will tell how long and high Francis can "fly." We, his family, will always be there to provide him a home and a source of stability.

Autism Week toasts the Filipino family

THE THIRD week of January is Autism Consciousness Week, as proclaimed in Presidential Proclamation 711 by former President Fidel V. Ramos. This year, the week which is marked from today to Jan. 25, has the theme "Mag-anak at Autismo."

The activities include:

Jan. 19-25: Radio campaign.

Jan. 25: Family support group meeting, 1:30- 5 p.m.

Jan. 26: Family Day, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Peace Bell Area, Quezon Memorial Circle

Families of persons with autism are invited to the Family Day. There will be games and socialization activities.

Call 926-6941 and 434-9249.

Wish you were here

When love is not enough

By Cynthia O. Valdes
Contributor

TINA Valdes (seated second from right) with her family

BRUNO Bettelheim was a psychologist who specialized in the study of autistic children. He titled one of his books "Love is Not Enough." I can't recall now much of what he had to say. But from having to deal with my own handicapped child (who is not even as seriously impaired as the autistic) on a day-to-day basis, I have found out that indeed, "love is not enough."

Our daughter is 38. Her mental age, I believe, would be around eight or nine. There are times when she is quite intelligent, but not in the manner we usually associate with the term. Otherwise, she can be so obstinate, so relentless, so uncompromising.

This morning, at breakfast, Tina wanted to know, "*Ano, Ma, puwede na ba akong kumuha ng mga lata doon sa* La Salle?" Going around the village on her daily car rides with her grandma, she spots and picks up empty pop cans around the village. The barangay still has to appreciate this service that we do.

At the bus stop in front of La Salle-Zobel, there are sometimes empty cans around left behind by students. Trouble is, most of it is already in the trash can. To retrieve them, you have to dive into the trash.

Her Dad and I try to draw the line on Tina's collecting activities. Yes, Tina, you can pick up the cans, but you can't look for them inside the trash cans.

Her Dad says, "*Nakakahiya*. My friends will say we saw your daughter, *nagkakalkal sa basura*." Mom says, "The *basura* is dirty; there are a lot of germs in the *basura*, you could get sick," as if there weren't enough germs already in the other cans she picks up. On and on, we explain why it's not a "good idea."

After all the reasons cited by both parents as to why going to the La Salle bus stop to pick up cans is not a "good idea," Tina goes back to her original question: "*Ano*, Ma, *puwede*?" as if she didn't hear at all any of the arguments we put up.

I try another tactic. "*Huwag ka na lang pumunta sa* La Salle. Wednesday bukas. Let's go to lunch at the Club." The waiters there already know our family. They're kind enough to collect a few cans from tables around ours and put them in a bag for Tina.

But Tina doesn't want to go to the Club. That's what we do on Sundays. Okay, we'll do a restaurant at the Town Center. She always wants to order herself.

I do enjoy her company but she is quick to spot "lobster," the most expensive thing on the menu. I try to kick her under the table. "It's probably not fresh," I tell her.

But it's difficult to discourage Tina when she sets her sights on something. It's often a better idea to speak to her before we actually sit down and lay down the law "you will not order lobster, is that clear?"

I have found out that you can't say "no" and stop there. It will provoke a tantrum—a stomping of feet, kicking around a few chairs (preferably the fragile antique ones) and finally banging the door of her room.

"It's not fair," she screams. It's not fair, you

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spend more time with your grandchildren. You also spend more money on them. That is what she wants to tell me.

"Sigh..." Too bad handicapped children eventually grow up to adulthood and thus, become no longer "cute" and cuddly.

Alas, parents, too, become older and have less energy to cope with things.

My friend, Linda says you need patience. I have found out that "patience" or even love, is not nearly enough. Promises of a special place in heaven don't also help all that much. "*Matagal pa 'yon*". I have to deal with it now.

Best way

I have found out that the best way to deal with my daughter is to say "I'll think about it." It works every time. She quiets down. And that's because she knows I will actually seriously think about it. And it gives me time. I think about whether it is at all a good idea to give her what she is asking for, to substitute something else for it... to devise a way in which it can be done but in a more "socially acceptable" manner. It always requires an innovative if not an "ingenious" solution.

Tina sets the table every evening. She has to use the exact same utensils every time. I read long ago that special children need to adhere to sameness, routine and regularity. It has something to do with their sense of security.

Tina still can't count her change. It is her mathematical abilities that have been most impaired. But at the garage sales that she does every Saturday, she instinctively knows what things to get.

She still comes home with the bedraggled "stuffed toy" that some other kid didn't want anymore. Her shelves are overflowing.

But this Christmas, she gave some of them to the children of the maids and drivers. Jollibee got the most, because Aga Muhlach said so.

Following her mother's lead, daughter finds little dishes (made of English porcelain, no less) which feature cats, her favorite four-legged friends. For which she pays only a pittance at those garage sales. For the price, you couldn't come up with a better buy, even at Portobello Road.

At day's end, she goes down to give my study room a final "once over." Pulls out the plugs from the electric fans (a safety measure taught by Dad). She also empties the table of all papers ("but I need them there, I'm still using them, puhleeze don't put them away").

But she's got to clean the table. The need for order is part of the syndrome.

Every morning, she calls up Cadena de Amor Street (Lola's house) to ask the maids "*Kumusta na ang mga alaga natin diyan?*". She means the dog, Charles, her five or six cats, and of course, I'm sure, her *lola*. She never tires of saying "good night" to her Mom and Dad, all the maids at night, if not orally, with sweet little notes. The drivers Roger (ours) and Felino (Lola's) are always told "*ingat*" as they make their way home.

Oh, yes, her world is wide. Even Cecilia, my daughter-in-law's best friend, gets that embroidered sampler with a "Happy Birthday" on it.

Tina sews on perforated plastic material demonstrating skill, great color sense and artistic sensibilities as the letters are made to fit into the small square.

She needs a constant supply of colored thread but that is cheaper than the painting or pottery lessons she soon tired of attending, preferring to just chase after the stray cats at Madrigal Center.

And people are really kind. Auntie Maribel gave a well-thought-out charm bracelet for her birthday, a cuddly teddy bear at Christmas. Ms Gantner takes time out to talk to her on the telephone. She came home one day with an early birthday present from Tita Nening, silk pajamas all the way from Shanghai. Josie, a waitress at North Town, saves up cans for her (even if I forget to give her the usual 20 bucks for it). Chito, the waiter at the Alabang Country Club does the same. *Kawawa naman*, the poor fellow sometimes gets embarrassed.

Mylene, Lola's girl Friday, does her part in keeping Tina "under control" when Tina rides in the car with Lola, a daily routine, as do the other staff in the house. Lerma walks with her religiously every morning. Maxie agrees to make a cape for her dog, Beast, so she can register him for the Halloween shindig cooked up by the village association. (Did they have to make our lives more complicated?)

Pretty soon, **nothing** is anymore too hard. No task too daunting. No problem without an instant solution. In a rare moment of discernment, my sister-in-law once said, "It was like money in the bank."

Well, not quite. But there are infinite rewards (and not just by way of promises of special places in heaven).

You master skills, which can help you in lots of other situations, your mind learns disingenuous ways to cope if not deal with whatever challenges life sees fit to throw your way.

"What about the cans at La Salle, Mom?" she's just about to leave for the afternoon's rounds with Lola. "Okay, Tina. Pick up any that you may find lying around, but don't go into the *basura*, okay?"

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DEAR Tita Dulce,

Regarding Kate's "unchallenging job" (PDI, Dec. 20), I just would like to give her a boost. My sister also failed in the accounting board exams. That's after she reviewed day and night for six months. When she saw the results, she cried a lot, but that did not stop her from taking the exams again. And she passed! Now she is a supervisor in a multinational food company and is very happy with her job.

If Kate graduated with honors, I suggest she applies in that company. If you'll forward this e-mail to her, then she could send me her resumé that could be submitted to that company through my sister.

REY

Because you put the name of the company in parentheses, I decided not to print it. Readers can take my word for it, though, that it's a very famous multinational company, and it would be quite a break for any college graduate to start a career there.

Thank you for your very encouraging words and kind offer. I'm sure Kate will appreciate it. It will also encourage her to have more faith in that truism about trying and trying again.

Readers might say that your letter takes care of Kate's fears about a second board exam, but what about her dislike for her profession? Read on.

I noted (that) Kate saw the accounting profession as repetitive and mechanical. I'm an accountant myself and in the eight years that I have been working, I never felt negatively about it.

I was never an accounting fan myself. My (dream) remains to be a surgeon. But because of circumstances I couldn't control, I was forced to pursue an accounting degree. Nonetheless, I finished the course and passed the Board (without the benefit of standard review courses) and landed an auditing job even before I graduated.

After some auditing stints, the company (where I am working now) offered me a job. At 26, I became assistant manager, and a manager at 28. I also have an MBA but that is more like icing on the cake. Cool luck? Maybe. But I say it's all about attitude. If you feel your profession sucks, your profession will sack you.

I'd like to share with Kate what I've seen so far: accounting is the language of business, and she can't go wrong in any corporate job if she knows accounting well.

(Please don't publish my e-mail address as it has my company's name.)

EMMA

What I saw was the name of a company that ranks well by Fortune Magazine's standards. Plus, you're based abroad. I'm really impressed.

Yes, many readers would say that you've just been lucky. But I would like to think that the important point here is not good or bad luck. Rather, as Rey's letter shows, it's about not getting discouraged when we miss our goal on the first attempt, and (as your experience shows) it's about making the best of what circumstances have dealt us.

We don't have to describe Kate as unlucky, and Ray's sister and you as lucky. We could simply say that Ray's sister succeeded because she was determined, and you succeeded because you were pragmatic. Kate (and others in situations similar to hers) would do well to keep your examples in mind.

Dear Tita Dulce,

I'm a physically handicapped girl. I have friends and they are great but, because of my condition, they are few. I would particularly like to (get to know) people who, like me, are disabled. I wish (I) could find them through your column. Thank you.

pmajal@yahoo.com

May you get many responses, my dear.

E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263 Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City

Annual mini-Olympics held today

DE La Salle University Manila's Center for Social Concern and Action (Cosca) holds For the Kids (FTK) 2003, mini-Olympics for special children, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. today at the DLSU Grounds.

The theme of this year's FTK is "Isang araw ng saya, buong buhay ng alaala!".

More than 400 special kids from 28 centers and public schools for special children are expected to participate in the annual event. They will interact with students and volunteers from the La Sallian community.

Registration begins at 6 a.m. at the South gate. A Mass at the sports plaza will formally start the activity. It will be followed by an opening program. The rest of the morning will be devoted to developmental games. After lunch, the participants will play fun games, including softball throwing, 50-meter run/walk, basketball shooting and relay games. Awarding of medals will be at 3 p.m.

Various La Sallian offices and organizations contributed to the activity such as Aiesec, La Sallian Pastoral Office, Sports Development Office, Pops Orchestra, parents of members of the University Students Organization, Alumni Association, and the faculty. The Council of Students Organizations helped recruit volunteers for FTK, while the Office of the Career Services will help in the registration and food distribution.

Salute to a bright circle of hope

In the launch of the book 'I Can Serve,' breast cancer survivors draw strength from one another's faith and courage

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a network of people, places & services for the philippine breast cancer community

KARA Magsanoc-Alikpala

By Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Dennis Sabangan

THE LATE Patricia Borromeo once said, "I may have cancer but cancer doesn't have me." This must have been the battle cry of more than a hundred breast cancer survivors who filled the Hidalgo Room on a rainy afternoon this week when "I Can Serve," the second edition of a book for the Philippine breast cancer community written by Kara Magasanoc Alikpala and published by the I Can Serve Foundation, was launched.

Alikpala was diagnosed with breast cancer six years ago and has since become a voice for breast cancer survivors. In 1999, together with friends Bet Lazatin, Crisann Celdran and Becky Fuentes, she set up the I Can Serve Foundation to develop high-impact information campaigns on breast cancer.

"Our mission is to empower women so they can make informed decisions about their health," said Alikpala.

The foundation also provides special services addressing particular needs of cancer survivors so they can recover and heal more effectively.

"I Can Serve: A Network of People, Places and Services for the Philippine Breast Cancer Community" is published by the foundation every two years with a grant from Bristol Myers Squibb Philippines.

The book is the first and the only one of its kind in the country. It lists resources available to the breast cancer survivor. It provides listings of support groups all over the Philippines, support services (such as where to get bras and breast forms) and counseling hotlines.

Also included in the book are information on diet and nutrition, prayer and meditation, libraries and places to hold retreats.

The book also has a section on hospice care; photos and illustrations on hair flair and post mastectomy exercises; and a section with articles written by breast cancer survivors.

A MOTHER'S COURAGE. Myrna Panlilio Borromeo

In the last section, Maritoni Fernandez writes about "Having Children After Chemotherapy," Linda Panutat talks about "Practical Tips on Surviving Chemotherapy and Radiation," Patricia Borromeo shares her views on "Why I Chose Alternative," and Marisette Galang inspires with "From Moment to Moment."

It is very touching to see articles and photos of two of Kara's dear friends, both young women of courage who passed away recently—Noelle Hechanova and Borromeo—in the section on "Hair Flair."

Surprising disclosure

At the book launch, broadcaster Cheche Lazaro hosted while special guest Sharon Cuneta Pangilinan shared a little known fact. She said that when she was 11 years old, a year before she joined show business, her mother Elaine was diagnosed with breast cancer. The actress related how she would rush from school every day (then at St. Paul's-Pasig) to the Cardinal Santos Medical Center to be with her mom.

"Each day I would volunteer to read during the Mass and while there I would pray with all my heart for the Lord to spare my mother," Pangilinan said. "I guess He must have heard me because I still have her."

Paying tribute to Kara and the group of women who filled the room that afternoon, Pangilinan said, "I feel so small in the midst of all of you. Your courage awes and inspires me."

She added, "'I Can Serve' should be the operative phrase for all our lives. We are all gifted with the capacity to serve... make the most of the time you can give."

Alikpala gave tribute to all the courageous women she had met along the way since she was first diagnosed with cancer. "All pain is the same," she said, quoting Oprah Winfrey. "All pain takes us steps closer to our true selves and toward our Creator."

She paid tribute to the cancer community. "It's a community where so much spontaneous sharing goes around. A world where the women never run out of hope, especially when vital signs are running low."

Alikpala is certainly someone who knows about pain and hope. Her six-year journey toward healing and cancer advocacy has been filled with many miracles. The biggest among these is daughter Ariana, born in 2001, two years after she had been declared cancer-free.

In the book's foreword, Kara's mother, Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc, writes, "She gave birth to Banana (Ariana calls herself Nana) on April 19, 2001. But she shouldn't have. In 1997, a doctor, being American, didn't pull his punches. He told Kara to her face that she could not have children ever." Jimenez-Magsanoc continues: "Without meaning to, Kara, with her bouncing Banana, has been revising the thinking of the 'wise' guys in the medical profession... It has a lot to do with throwing themselves—heart, mind and soul—wide open, to the scientifically inexplicable, and to the surprises normally alien to their profession. It requires a suspension of disbelief to recognize and celebrate, with grace and gratitude a power higher than themselves, the power that heals that what is deemed beyond healing; to say yes when diagnostic evidence says no."

The book "I Can Serve" will hopefully help many others journey with their doctors. "We have an edge in coping and healing because of our faith, " Alikpala said. "The Filipino cancer survivor is one of the best kind of women I know... In these days when everybody rants and raves, and talks of abandoning ship, I simply remember the breast cancer survivor reveling in a community of possibilities.

"Hopefully there is a thing or two we can learn from them as they take the lead in showing us there is always hope as long as there is faith."

"I Can Serve: A Network of People, Places and Services for the Philippine Breast Cancer Community" is given free. Please contact Marketing Department, Bristol-Myers Squibb (Phils.) at 841-8181 local 3306 or 3312 or e-mail icanserve@yahoo.com

PDI president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez shares a laugh with Dr. Carlos Magsanoc.

SUSAN Reyes and Cheche Lazaro

SURVIVOR. I Can Serve founding member Crisann Olives Celdran

ANGEL Jacob models for the "I Can Serve" book.

SINGER SHARES A CAUSE. Bituin Escalante

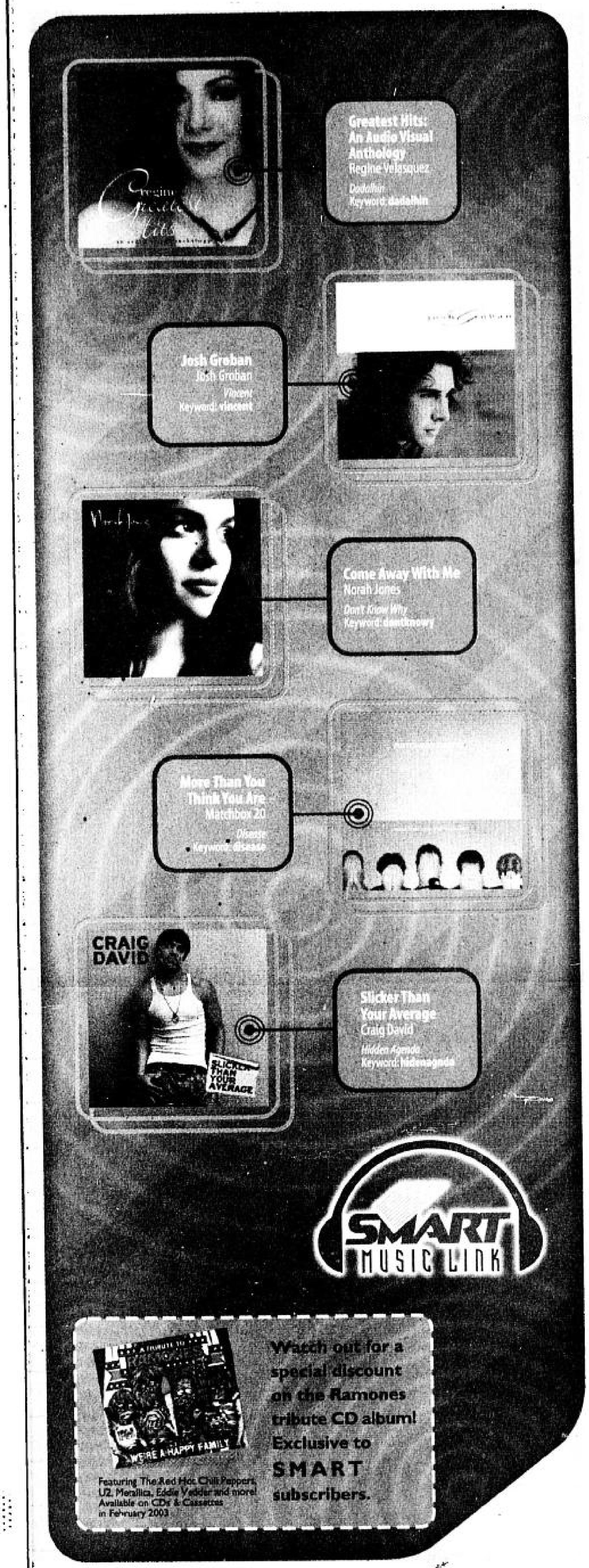
DR. Margie Holmes and husband Jeremy

DR. Teyet Pascual and Kim Camacho

TOP BANANA. Kara and Dondi Alikpala with Ariana.

MYRNA Panlilio Borromeo, Lenny Hechanova and Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc

"MY life was also once touched by cancer..." Sharon Cuneta shares her story with breast cancer survivors.



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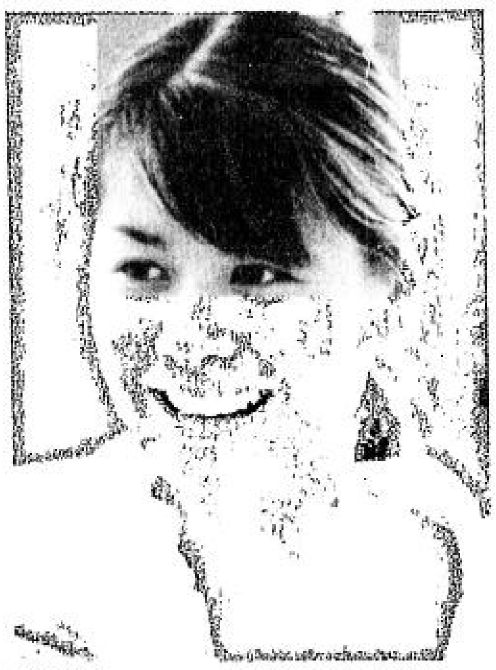

MITZI Borromeo

Journey toward home

'Trisha was captain of the ship and I, the navigator . . . We sailed through the oceans of time . . . taking with us only two essential things: love and courage'

*Editor's Note: The following is the eulogy delivered by **Mitzi Borromeo** at the farewell Mass for her sister **Patricia**, who died of non-Hodgkins lymphoma on Jan. 8.*

TRISHA and I shared the dream of traveling and exploring as much of the world as we could, perhaps searching for better lives, and also new places to call home.

I am so proud to say that we accomplished that—and so much more—together, in just these past few weeks. Never did we feel more at home than during these times together.

Uncharted territories

In the cold, sterile, harshly lit hospital room that friends and family converted into a cozy little spaceship, Trisha and I journeyed to the most unimaginable places. We sailed through the oceans of time into wonderful, uncharted territories of the heart and soul, taking with us only two essential things: the love and the courage that we knew would take us through this difficult journey.

Trisha was the captain of the ship and I, the navigator. She led me through various stations in her life—reminding me, too, of times long forgotten—zigzagging through joy, sadness, laughter and tears. I tried hard to keep us on a steady path, too focused on the final destination and goal of Trisha's total recovery from her illness. I just wanted her to be well enough to stand up and then we could get out and, together, see beyond the hospital walls the blue skies and brilliant stars her eyes were hungering for.

But Trisha reminded me that it is the journey and not the final destination that matters.

During the last few days at the hospital, when Trisha repeatedly said she wanted to go home, we all cheered her on, encouraging her to take her medicine and eat well, then surely, she'd be able to get some rest at home.

Only now have I realized that Trisha was speaking of another home. And when she was calling out "Dad," "Father," she wasn't just referring to our father here on earth, but our Father in Heaven.

She brought me home to the realization that living in simplicity gives contentment to us all. We go as we come to this world, and nothing is ours to keep.

Secret

I'd like to let you all in on a secret Trisha and I rediscovered together, something my dear sister taught me well: Life is beautiful! Continue to celebrate life and appreciate everything around you.

Trisha is home now. And so am I. Wherever we are, there she shall be. Keep her home in your hearts with something she whispered to me to share with you all:

"You have so much to live for. God has a mission for you, which is why you are still here today.

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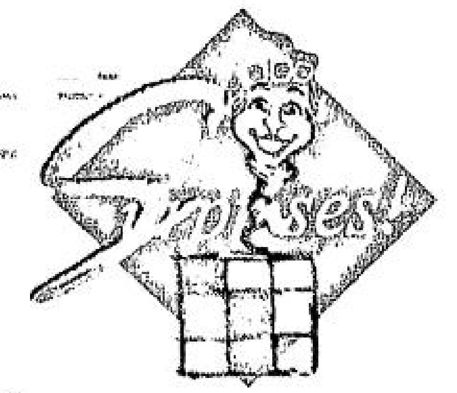

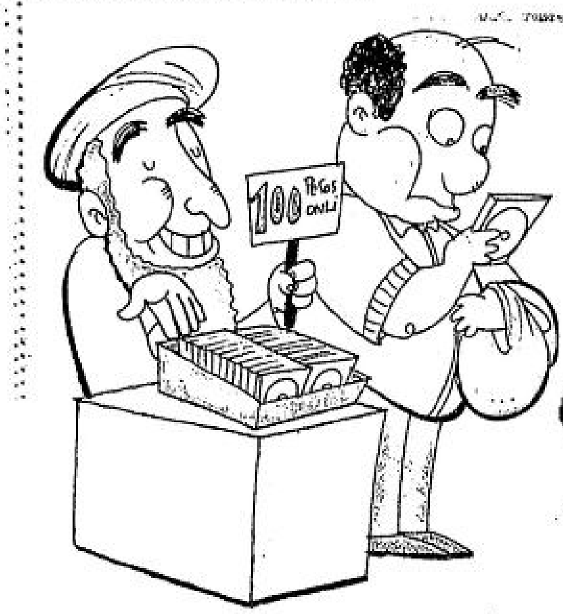

Top Ten reasons Americans are safer here than in the USA

HERE'S our counter to the recent travel advisory issued by the US Department of State cautioning American tourists and residents in the Philippines against "a number of security-related incidents and the possibility of future terrorism, kidnappings, and other violence or criminal activity."

By the Lifestyle staff

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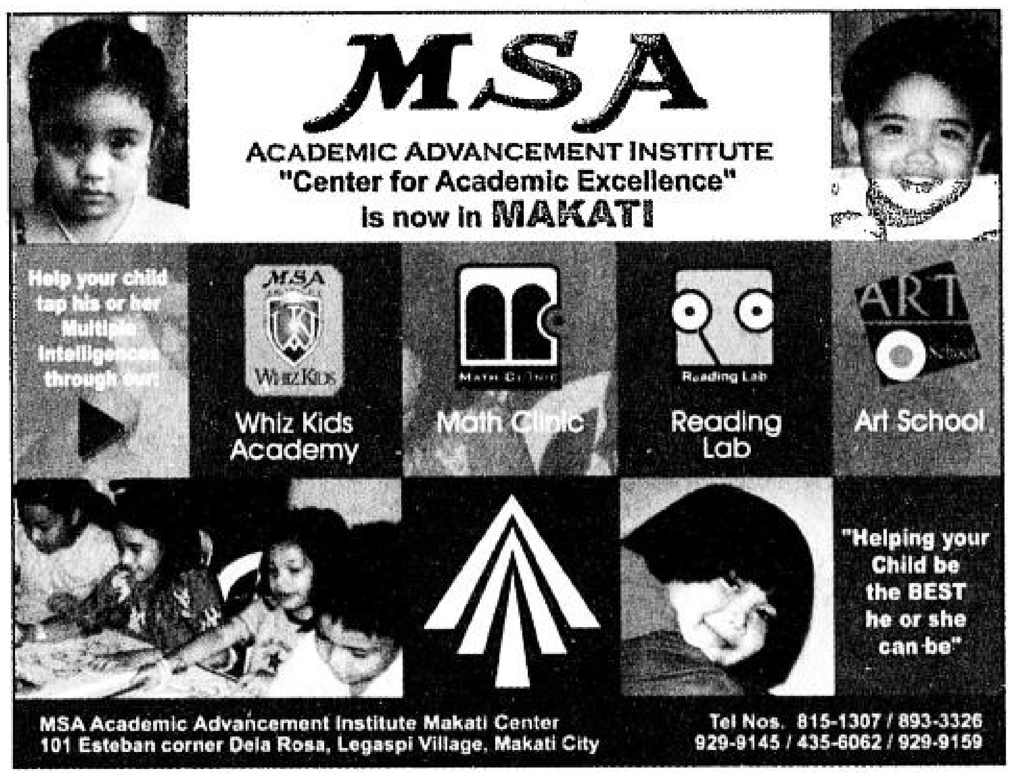
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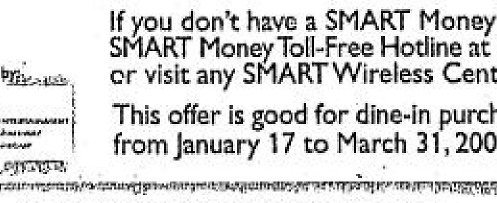

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By Delia Dans
Contributor

I HAVE contradicted myself once again. I did tell you previously that I don't do openings and launches. Well, I went to the opening of Celio.

Celio has marvelous stuff, from snug tees (nothing sexier than a buffed man in a snug tee!), button-downs in all colors and patterns, dark jeans, light jeans, weathered jeans, black pants, khaki pants, navy pants, brown pants, turtleneck sweaters, crewneck sweaters, roll-neck sweaters (though with the heat in our *ville natale*, I don't really see much need for the sweaters)... they've got all the basic men's clothing needs. They've also got formal wear, swim wear and sportswear.

So, ladies, take it from an expert. This is the only store your man must go to, and you'll be proud to be seen with him after.

Of course, liebchens, you can't have a launch of an exclusive male brand without exclusive men. Twenty male models paraded around in head-to-toe Celio, natch: Robby Mananquil, Paolo Paraiso, Chema Marquez, Carlo Gonzalez, Wendell Ramos and Antonio Aquitania.

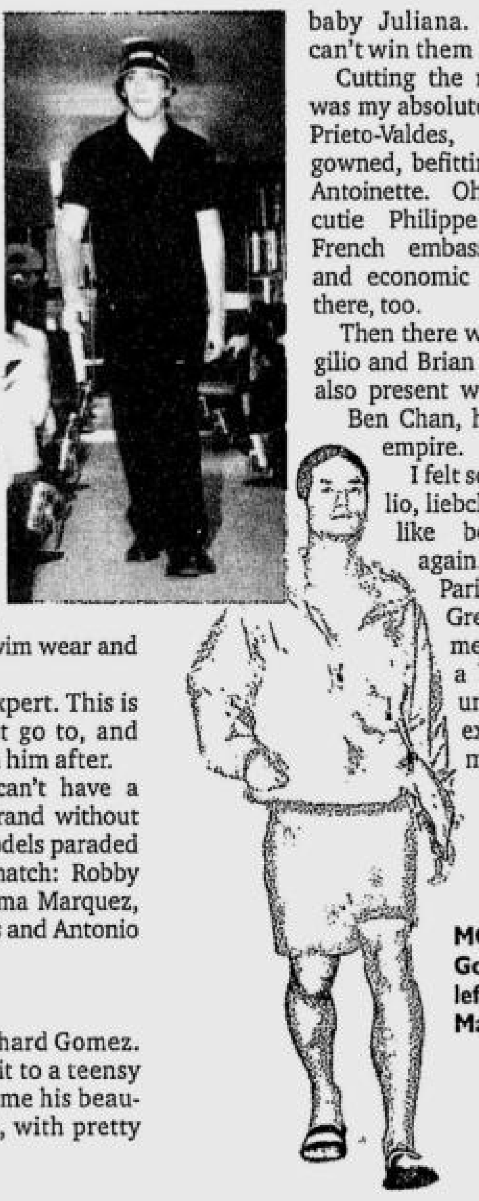
Charmed by Richard

It was a delight meeting Richard Gomez. Forgive me, but I have to admit to a teensy crush on Richard. Too bad for me his beautiful wife Lucy was there, too, with pretty baby Juliana. Ah well. You can't win them all.

Cutting the ribbon at Celio was my absolute favorite, Tessa Prieto-Valdes, who was gowned, befittingly, à la Marie Antoinette. Oh, and French cutie Philippe Quency, the French embassy's commerce and economic counselor, was there, too.

Then there were Nenita, Virgilio and Brian Lim. Of course, also present was Celio owner Ben Chan, he of the Bench empire.

I felt so at home in Celio, liebchens. It was just like being in Paris again. And just like in Paris, Celio in Greenbelt (did I mention they have a branch in Podium as well?) can expect visits from me.


MODELS Carlo Gonzalez (top left) and Chema Marquez

CELIO boutique

Holiday revelers

TEESAW

Raul Teehankee

WHERE were you during the holidays? Our celebrations began with music, laughter and more music. Indeed, what would life be like without the lilting sounds of beautiful voices and musical instruments to soothe frenzied nerves?

We were feted to "de olde madrigal feast" by the world-renowned Philippine Madrigal Singers who donned renaissance costumes. In this celebration held at the Club Filipino ballroom, the audience of over 200 Indiana University Alumni Foundation and relations who organized the event were entertained with Christmas carols from Italy, Spain, France, England and the Philippines.

Conductor Emeritus and National Artist for Music **Andrea Veneracion** is a graduate of music from the prestigious university and was a Distinguished Alumni awardee together with NBA basketball superstar **Isaiah Tomas** two years ago.

Other distinguished Filipino alumni are Magsaysay awardee **Bienvenido Lumbera**, retired Supreme Court Justice **Flerida Ruth Romero**, former government officials **Rony Diaz** and **Magtanggol Guinigundo**. Pioneers **Francisco Delgado** and **Jorge Bocobo** are also Indiana College alumni.

From madrigals we moved to "Dekada '70" music as we rocked and rolled with Route 70 at the Shangri-La Mall atrium. Band leader **Dingdong Eduque** and his singers are such fabulous retro music makers, they got the crowd to dance the cocktail hours away. Excellent hosting jobs were done by **Mojojo, Christine San Diego** and **JR Isaac.**

We had an early start at **Iryne** and **Biboy Enriquez**'s residence in Blue Ridge. It was a kiddie party but the kids at heart, including this oldie, loved playing around with Iryne's 12 golden retrievers.

Then, we settled for world music performed by Session Road at Tapas Tapas located in Ortigas Center. **Hannah**, the lead female vocalist, is a talent to watch out for. I was so enticed by the vocals and instrumental music, I ended up purchasing a K-hon (pronounced *kahon*), a percussion instrument made locally but of Brazilian influence. It now sits in my living room as a stool. We were there to celebrate **Menchu Antigua**'s birthday.

Allow us to say hello to **Robert Castañeda** who turned 50 and celebrated a happy Christmas at the Astoria Plaza ballroom with an eclectic guest list of artists and co-Oasis members. **Leo Valdez** celebrated his day in Brighton, England. **Mario Katigbak** partied in Tagaytay. Let the good times roll for all holiday makers.

MIRIAM Defensor Santiago and Eva Estrada Kalaw

GROUPING at Iryne Garcia's Blue Ridge residence: Emma Rose Policarpio, Bambi Quema Bagatsing and Imee Navarro

CAROLYN Masibay and Letty Ruiz

SESSION Road bassist Richard Tallala and Menchu Antigua

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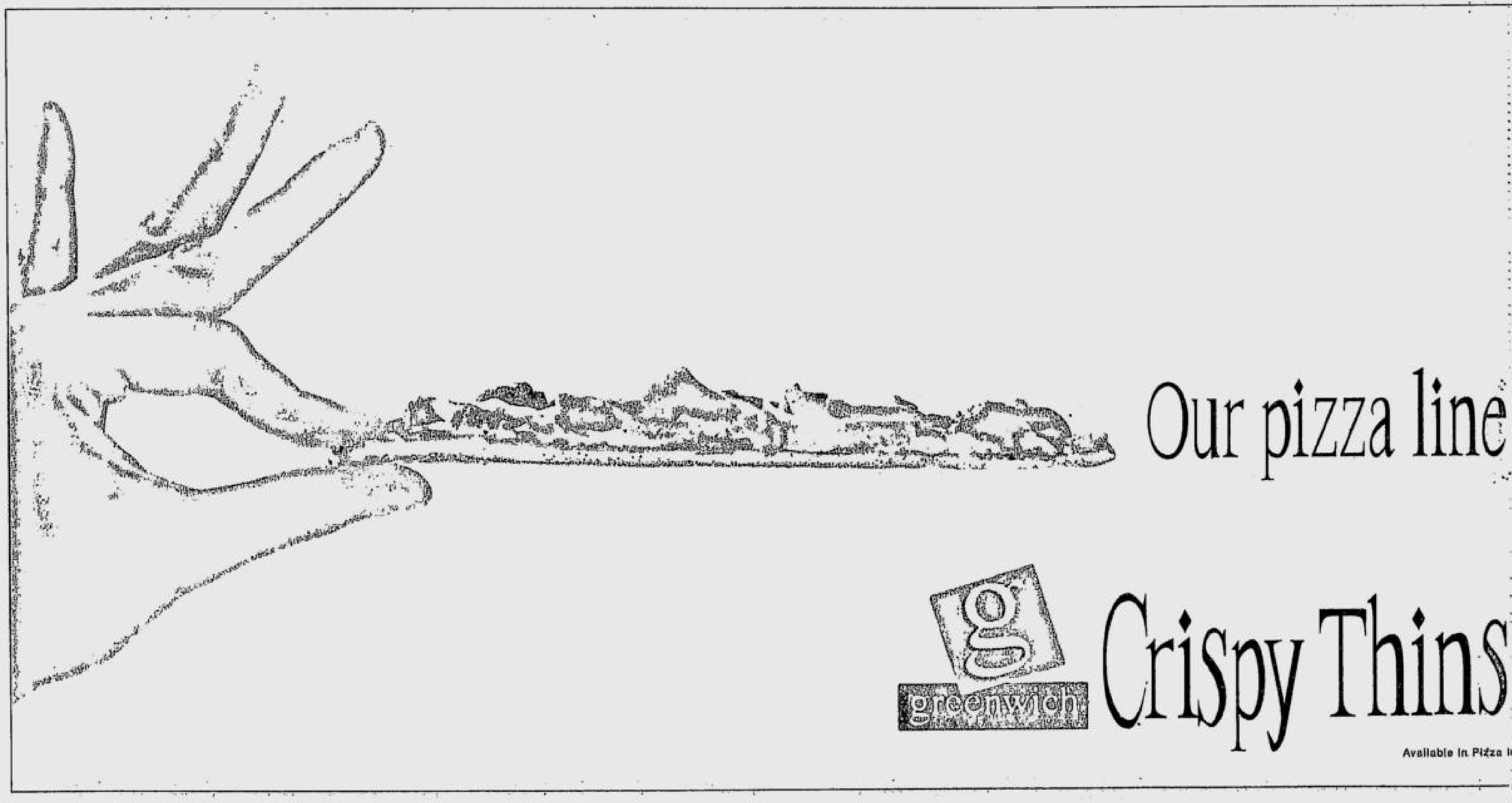
DJ Mojojo and band leader Dingdong Eduque in "Dekada '70" outfits at the Shangri-La Mall atrium

MODEL and real estate agent Gino Macapagal at Tapas Tapas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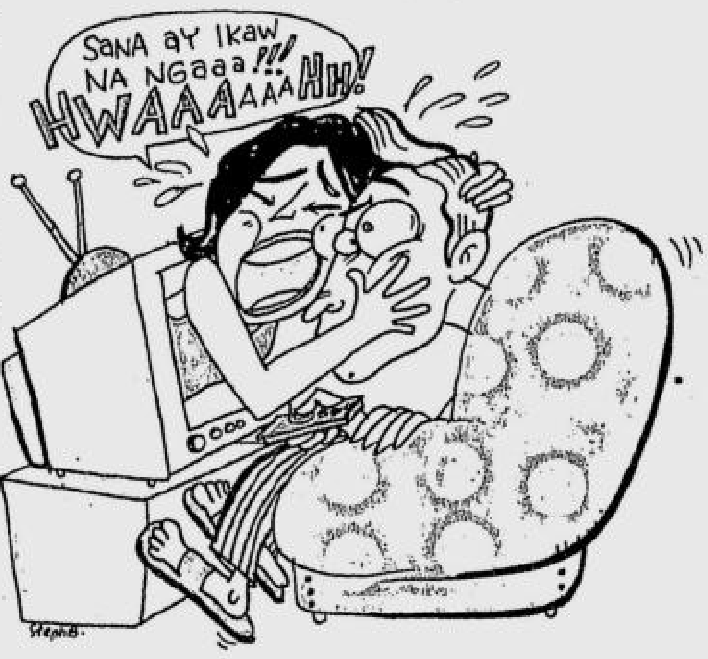
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Top 10 reasons

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9 Traffic in Manila is so horrendous Americans are not likely to die from drunk driving even after cleaning Hard Rock out of its last drop of alcohol. Road rage is another story, of course, but so is it on the Los Angeles freeways.

8 Abandoned buildings where snipers can shoot at Yankee VIPs in a passing motorcade become instant housing for squatters.

7 There is no secret supremacist society that persecutes people of other races because the Filipino can never keep a secret, is too nosy and thinks other races are better than his own.

6 Pinoys can never become terrorists because they'd rather spend their time in a videoke bar than in a Taliban training camp.

5 No teener with a grievance against a teacher has smuggled an AK-47 into school and annihilated half the campus population because his teachers are highly likely to still owe his mom for Avon products.

4 Local flights are usually delayed so the baddies will think twice about commandeering a passenger jet and slamming it onto the US embassy.

3 Our gallery of toughies has not produced a Rambo who can single-handedly ruin lives and properties, although an action star playing the role of President has done that, and rumor is rife that another action star is similarly inclined.

2 In this country where serial killers of the Ted Bundy garden variety) have yet to make their kill, the only thing Americans need to steer clear of are TV serials but, surely, corny soaps won't kill them like drugs and AIDS can.

And the No. 1 reason Americans are safer here than in their own country is . . .

1 The Greenhills 'tiangge, though usually crowded, is the last place the Al-Qaida will bomb, especially the hawking area for pearls and pirated VCDs. If in doubt, ask US Assistant Commerce Secretary William Lash III and his FBI security, who felt safe enough to drop in recently for a photo-op. (Do they have the balls to do the same in the world capital of piracy —China?)

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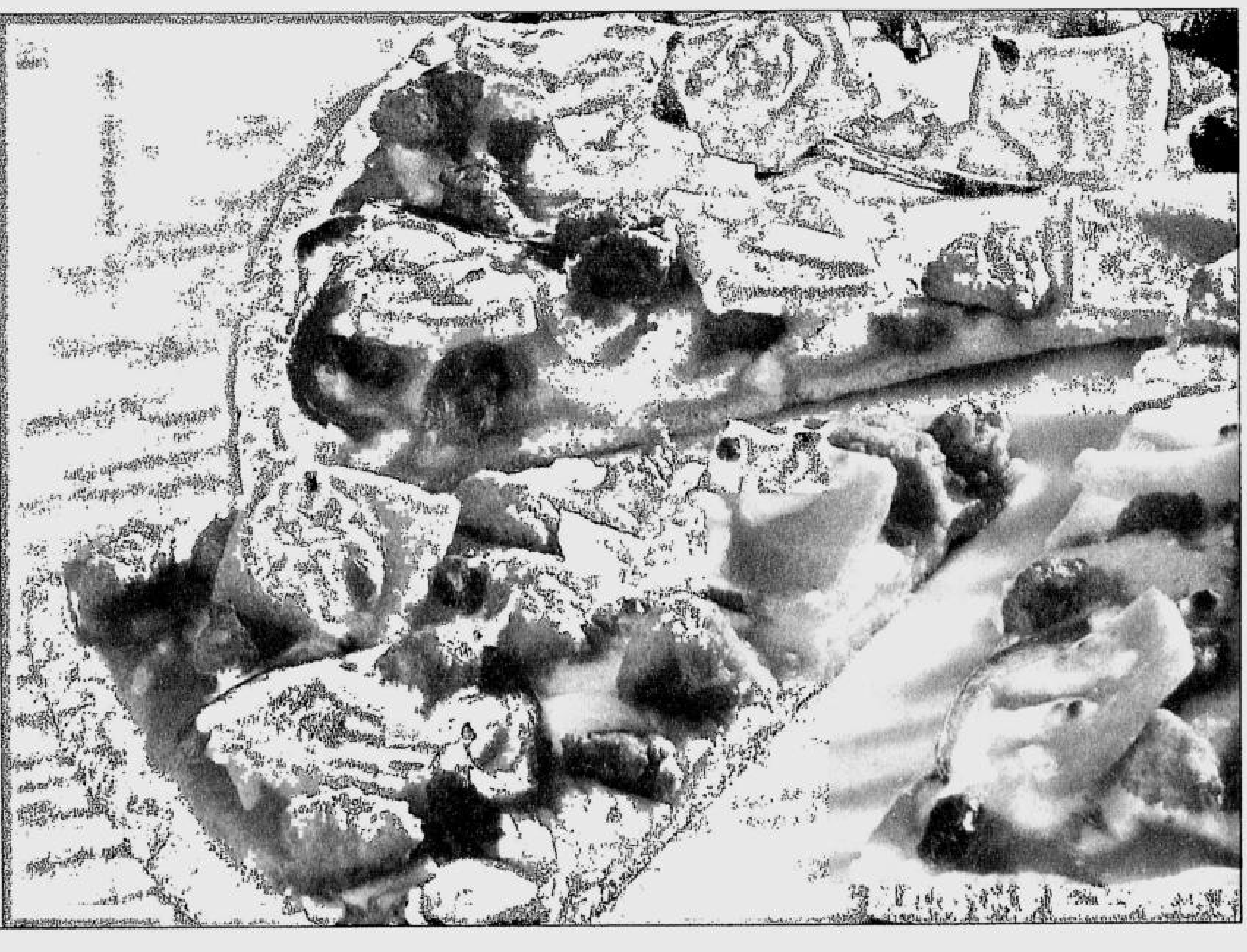

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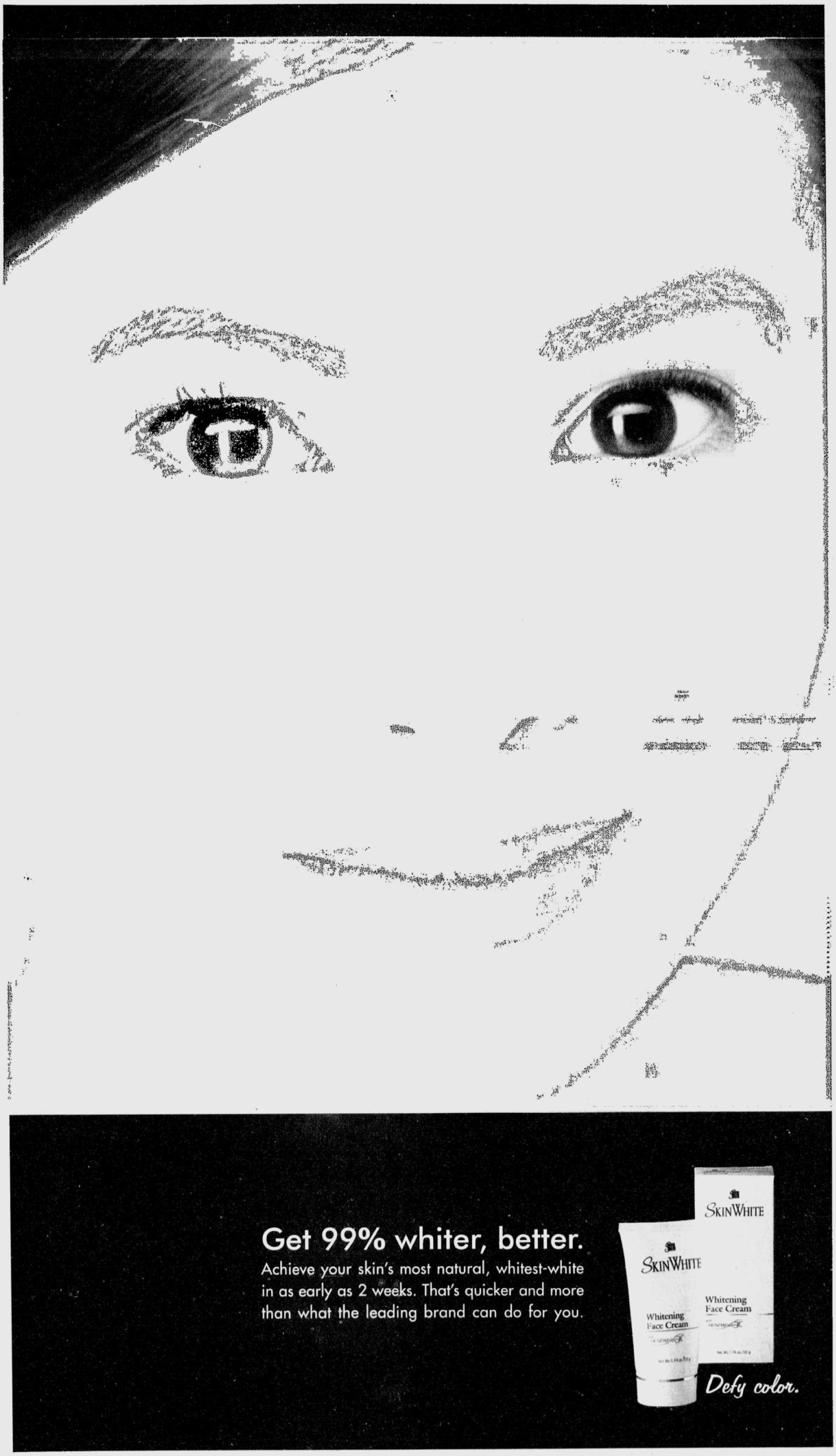
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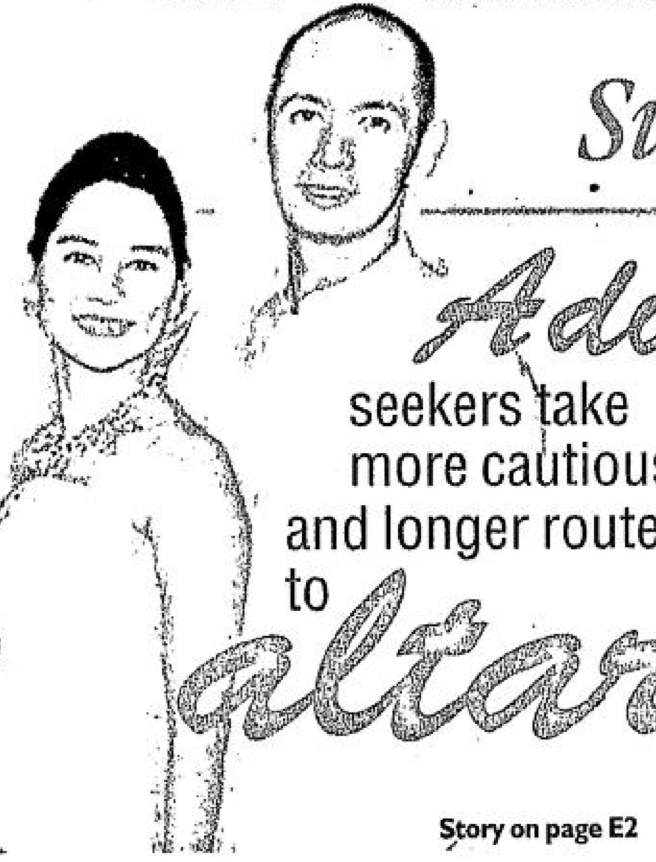

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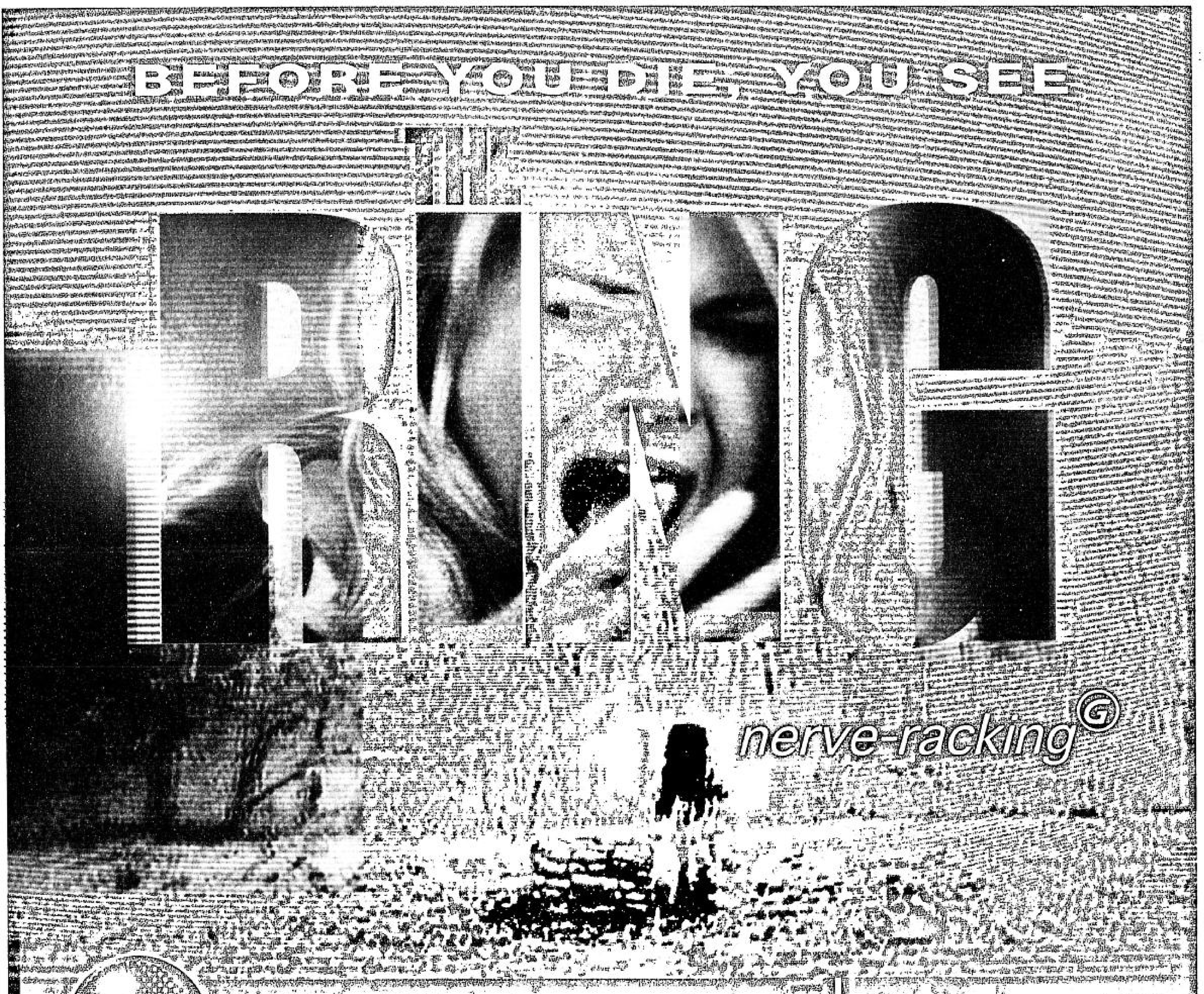

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ALOHA. Photographer Danny Villarama captures the newlywed's families in a festive mood after the wedding in Don Bosco Church, Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

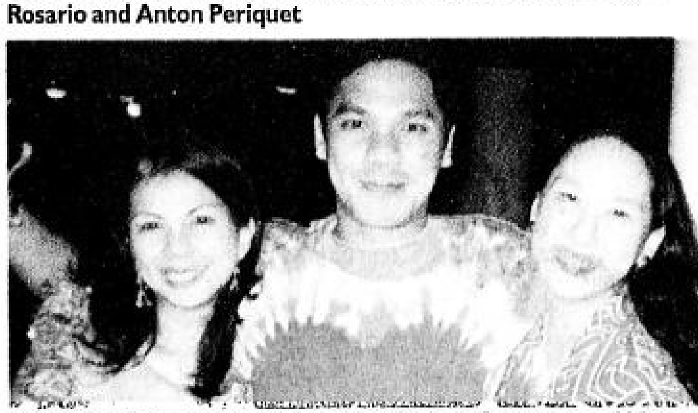
Adventure seekers take more cautious and longer route to altar

It didn't exactly take Udsie Rosario 10 years to finally say yes—just nine

PROUD father of the bride, Joe Rosario, hugging his daughter Udsie

GUESTS dressed a la hippies from the '60s—Jay and Joy Lagdameo with Philip and Sandy Romualdez

AT THE LUAU-THEMED reception, Lisa Ongpin-Periquet, Jan Rosario and Anton Periquet



A TIE-DYED family photo with Kitty Jacinto, Bummer and Maya Santiago

ANTHONY and Maricel Pangilinan hanging loose and flowery

BLEDES Fores in a lime-green tropical dream.

By Tessa Prieto-Valdes

WHAT makes one decide to finally tie the knot, especially after nine years of being together? Is it for financial, emotional or security reasons? One never knows, but all I can say is that it's all in the stars. Destiny has it all planned; all things come in their due time.

But it's a good thing for **Marty Villarica** that his fiancée, **Udsie Rosario**, didn't take 10 years to finally say yes. It just took her nine.

At **Ernie** and **Jeena Lopez**'s 2002 Christmas Party, Udsie told me that she and Marty had (finally) decided to get married on Jan. 2, 2003.

Just two Christmases ago, that was far from being the topic of conversation. I was shocked and excited for them, but more thrilled for Marty as his long wait had finally paid off. In fact, when I asked them what was the most memorable thing that happened to them in the year 2002, both said, "We decided to get married."

For those who do not know the couple, both Udsie and Marty are adventure-seekers. Their idea of a great time is to go rock-climbing or bungee jumping. So you could imagine that the wedding was not the typical Manila Cathedral-Manila Hotel combination. No releasing of doves for this twosome.

The invitation alone said it all. Done on handmade paper with a blue-and-green, tie-dyed color scheme, it gave the details of the Mass and the reception to follow.

Hawaiian and loose

The most important detail was written at the bottom: "No suits, no *barongs*, just come in Hawaiian attire and hang loose!" I thought that line brilliantly set the mood of the whole event.

Jan. 2 must have been an auspicious day for getting married, as my husband **Dennis** and I had to attend two weddings that day. So in true "show-your-face" fashion, we went to both weddings even if one was at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel and the other at the Sta. Elena Banahaw Village Clubhouse in Cabuyao, Laguna.

JUST DID IT. The bride, in her Nike shoes, with Dennis and Tessa Valdes, Maritess Tantoco and Renato Tantoco

DANNY VILLARAMA

First, we attended the church wedding of **Ray Bonoan** and **Bing-bing Agbayani**, which had a very beautiful church singing courtesy of A Cappella Manila. At the reception at the Edsa Shangri-La, we stayed up to the third course of the Chinese lauriat.

As we said our goodbyes, I grabbed some orchids and stuffed them in my hair to further enhance my **Danilo Franco** creation of an aqua sea-breeze gown with shells and sea form beads. With that, I must have looked like someone straight out of the "Little Mermaid" movie, so much so that a bus load of Korean tourists at the hotel asked if they could do a quick photo op with me while we were waiting for our car.

We reached the reception of Marty and Udsie at 10 p.m., just as the party was in full swing with '70s and '80s sounds. Everyone was in luau attire including the staff and waiters.

Jay and **Joy Lagdameo**, together with **Philip** and **Sandy Romualdez**, were swinging to the music they know best, while **Nannette de Leon** and **Cowboy** were chilling with **Bummer** and **Maya Santiago**, who came in matching tie-dyed shirts. Also seen on the dance floor were Marty's American friends who stuck a police "Do not Cross" yellow line together with the veil or cord. The couple was, of course, unaware of this.

Best outfit

The best luau outfit was, for me, **Bledes Fores'**—a striking lime green-and-yellow ensemble complemented with a gigantic flower on her hair. Equally authentic-looking couples were **Andy** and **Kitty Jacinto**, **Anton** and **Lisa Periquet** and **Anthony** and **Maricel Pangilinan**. **Maritess Tantoco** looked quite tropical, too.

But the best combination belonged to the bride herself—the elegant Indian silk wedding gown with mother-of-pearl beadwork, necklace and bracelet accessories, all by talented designer cousin **Dita Sandico Ong**. Nike rubber shoes completed the outfit. Only Udsie could get away with that!

As I got some pineapple upside-down cake, four flower girls came to me and asked if I was part of the show, and I told them I was going to dance the hula.

I spoke to Udsie in-between her honeymoon in Apo Island, Dumaguete; Boracay, Sagada and the US, and asked her how it felt to be married. Her answer suggested that this marriage would be a breeze. She told me, "Married life is funny. You just have someone to sleep next to now, and Marts doesn't have to bring me home anymore. It's great because our relationship has not changed."

With trials in life come blessings. Proud father **Joe Rosario** must have been so happy that God had showered him with a new member in the family after painfully losing his only son, **JR**, last year. I am sure he can hardly wait for more family members from Marty and Udsie.

THE COLORS OF HAWAII on sisters and cousins of the newlyweds at their fun luau celebration.

DANNY VILLARAMA

JAIME Cardinal Sin gives the homily during the Mass for St. Josemaria Escriva at the Manila Cathedral

STUDENTS of Maligaya School of the Opus Dei sing the World Meeting of Families theme song

Escriva devotion is focal point in search of God

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A total of 80 priests joined the procession to the altar for the High Mass marking the 101st birth anniversary of St. Josemaria Escriva at 6 p.m., Jan. 9, at the Manila Cathedral. They were followed by Papal Nuncio Antonio Franco, nine bishops and Cardinal Sin. The cathedral was filled with members of Opus Dei and devotees of the new saint.

And, as in all Opus Dei Masses, everyone's eyes were fixed on the altar without the usual turning around and whispering to one's neighbor.

The celebration was also for the canonization of Josemaria Escriva last Oct. 6 in Rome. I was blessed to have attended the event after six months of praying a novena to St. Josemaria and Padre Pio.

And, as I continue to pray to St. Josemaria, I have realized that this devotion to him helps people find their way to God, especially when they become aware of his teachings. One could be a saint, he said, even in ordinary circumstances.

During this time of turmoil in the world, it seems right to turn to Escriva for help. His holy life showed his concern for the poor and the sick in the slums of Madrid. He would say a "Hail Mary" when he passed by a destitute person on the street.

His devotion to the Eucharist, spending hours inside an adoration chapel talking to the Lord, was his way of getting closer to Him.

The Pontifical Decree making the Opus Dei founder a servant of God on April 9, 1990, said: "Constantly immersed in contemplating the mystery of the Trinity, he laid in the awareness of one's divine filiation in Christ the foundation of spirituality in which the fortitude of the faith and the apostolic daring of charity combine harmoniously with filial abandonment in God the Father."

Christ at summit

Escriva teaches us to put Christ as the summit of all human activities wherever we are in the world. It follows what Teresa de Avila preached centuries ago: *"Solo Dios basta"* (God alone suffices).

The new saint wants us to participate in the work of the Church whatever our profession or work or state of life is.

He wrote, "Don't let your life be barren. Be useful. Make yourself felt. Shine forth with the torch of your faith and your love."

Those who wish to have prayer cards of St. Josemaria Escriva can write to the Prelature of the Opus Dei at 20 Sampaguita St. corner Balete Drive, 1112 New Manila, Quezon City. Those who obtain favors through the intercession of St. Josemaria can write to the same address: Attention Office of the Causes of Saints.

Families' Meet

The Fourth World Meeting of Families (WMF) opens 7 a.m. on Jan. 22, at the Philippine International Convention Center, with the International Theological Pastoral Congress and the Sons and Daughters Congress, which will be held for three days until Jan. 24.

Masses for pilgrims will be said in 15 churches and shrines on Jan. 25, 8 a.m.-12 nn, followed by a *barrio fiesta*. The Malate Church will welcome the French delegation, while the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. Joseph in Project 3 will hold an Ilocano Mass at 8:30 a.m. Churches involved are: (Makati area) St. John Bosco Parish, Santuario de San Antonio, Lorenzo Ruiz Mission Institute and St. Andrew Parish Bel-Air; (Mandaluyong area) San Felipe Neri Parish; (Manila area) Holy Family Parish, Santo Niño Parish, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Our Lady of Remedios Parish (Malate Church), San Fernando de Dilao Parish in Paco, and Sto. Niño de Tondo Parish.

In Pasay, it is the Shrine of Jesus the Truth, the Way and the Life participating, while in Quezon City it is the St. Joseph Shrine. Parañaque has Mary Help of Christians National Shrine and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Shrine.

Closing rites

A prayer service at 12 mn will precede the closing of the WMF on Jan. 26. Closing Mass is at 7 a.m. at the Quirino Grandstand with the papal legate, Cardinal Alfonso Trujillo, presiding. The public is invited.

The Family Rosary Crusade is covering all events.

Lady of Candelaria feast

The feast of Our Lady of Candelaria falls on Feb. 2. The title was given to the Virgin for carrying Jesus, the Light of the World, in her womb.

The town of Silang, Cavite, which is dedicated to Our Lady of Candelaria, marks its 418th anniversary during the *fiesta* Feb. 1-3 with a *dalaw ng* barangay in all 16 *barrios* of the town.

A concelebrated Mass will be officiated by Bishop Manuel Sobreviñas at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 2, while Bishop Chito Tagle will say Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 3. *Altares* Mass will be held at 7 a.m. of the same day.

James the Apostle Parish

The Parish of St. James the Apostle in Calabaca, the biggest *barrio* of Capalonga in Camarines Norte, needs help. Parish priest Fr. Daison Joseph Arreparampil would like to build a church. Pastoral services are being held in a barangay chapel without ceiling, floor, rectory and even parish office. The parish serves nine other remote barangays. And there is not even a statue of St. James the Apostle.

Can we help? Please write Fr. Daison at Parish of St. James the Apostle, Calabaca, Capalonga, Camarines Norte. He needs support to build the church and to have an image of St. James made. Thank you for your kindness.

Seminarian needs help

Seminarian Roy Buruanga needs a benefactor so he can finish his theology studies at the SVD School of Theology in Tagaytay City. Roy belongs to the St. Augustine Major Seminary on SVD Road, Tagaytay City. Those who wish to help can write to him there, or call him at (046) 413-1308.

St. Camillus yearbook

The seminarians of St. Camillus College in Marikina would like to publish their yearbook but lack funds to do it. Sem. Ramonchito, editor in chief, wrote:

"We, the graduating class of the St. Camillus College Seminary, are aiming to publish our own Lelliannum, the college seminary yearbook that will feature some of our most memorable experiences as well as the important aspects of our seminary formation. As a sign of gratitude, this is the only gift that we can give to our parents, benefactors and formators who exerted so much time and effort to help us respond to God's call for us to serve Him through His Church.

"However, we humbly recognize our difficulty in getting the financial resources in order to realize this noble project. This is the reason why we wrote to you this letter so that we can make an appeal to the generous hearts of your readers."

Those who wish to help can write to him at St. Camillus College, 17 South East Apitong St., Marikina Heights, Marikina City, or fax to 941-5196. Fr. Bobby Mangonon is the prefect.

ERRATUM

IN last Sunday's article. "Hope Town for Boys" we erred in reporting about the drop-out rate at the Sisters of Mary Boystown in Cavite which we wrote to be at five percent or roughly, 20 boys per year level. Sister Elena Bellarmino wrote us a letter to rectify the point. Her letter reads, "Actually what I said is 4 to 5 but I did not make it clear that I referred to children percent and that is per year level or around 16 to 20 children from among the 3,000 enrollees. Sometimes in very rare cases a maximum of 40 boys dropped from the total population."

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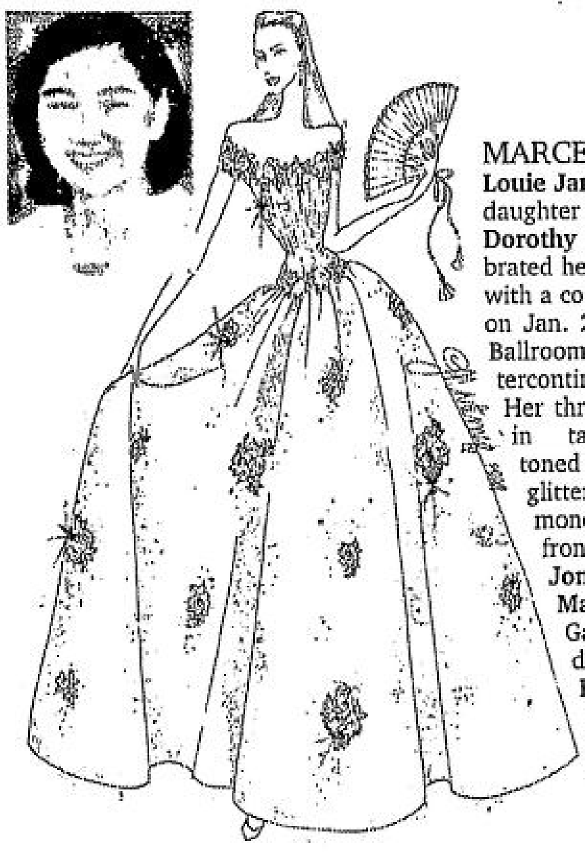
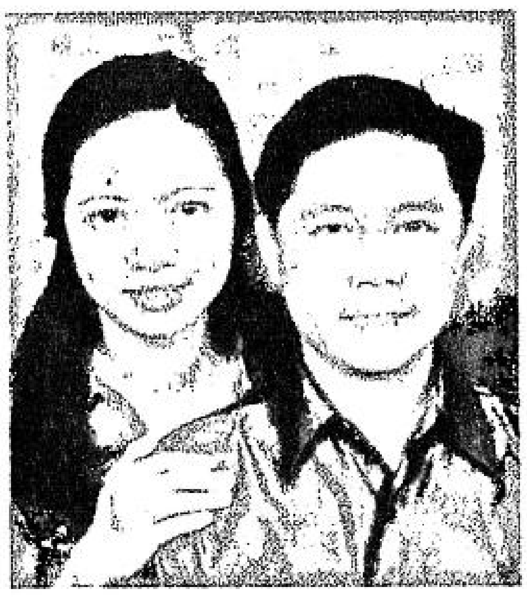


MARCELO DEBUT

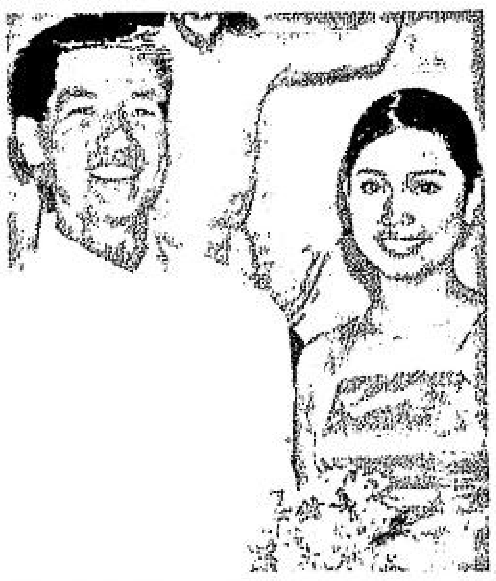
Louie Jane M. Marcelo, daughter of **Gerardo** and **Dorothy Marcelo**, celebrated her 18th birthday with a cotillion de honor on Jan. 2 at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Intercontinental Manila. Her three gowns were in tangerine two-toned taffeta, crimson glittered tulle and monochromatic saffron chiffon, all by **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** of Galatea. The debutante is a Business Management student at De La Salle University.



BELEN-SILAN

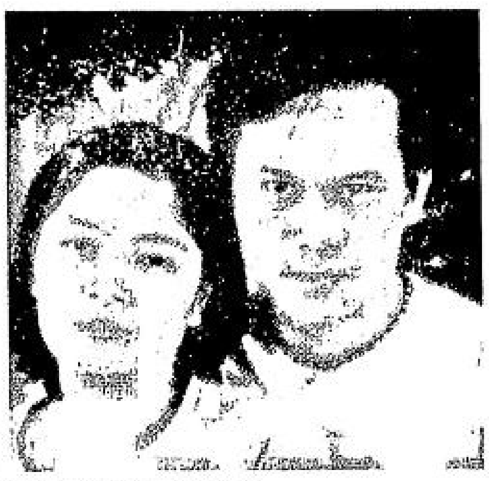
Lester M. Belen, son of movie director-journalist **Leonardo Q. Belen** and Manila Bulletin entertainment editor and "Celebrity World" columnist **Crispina M. Belen**, will wed **Brenda F. Silan**, daughter of **Perpetuo** and **Brigida Silan** of Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan and New York, on March 9 at the San Agustin Church in Intramuros, Manila.

The bride's wedding gown will be done by **Rudy Fuentes**, who will also design the clothes of the whole entourage.



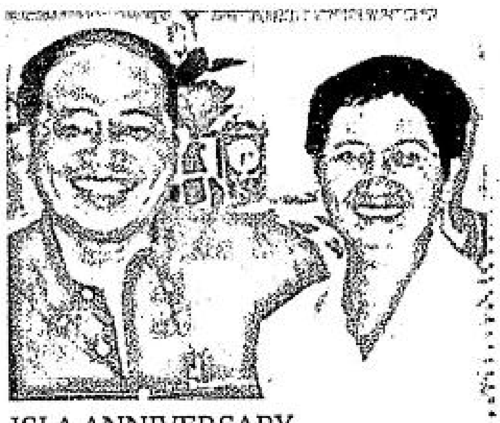
REFORMADO-ARCIAGA

Dodie Reformado, son of **Melencio** and **Dolores Reformado**, will wed **Niña Benidi Arciaga**, daughter of **Bayani** and **Dingreña Arciaga**, on Jan. 25 at the St. Jerome Church, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Reception will follow at Max's Restaurant on Alabang-Zapote Road, Las Piñas City.



DIMAALA-LINDO

Arlene Grace V. Lindo, daughter of **Reynaldo** and **Elizabeth Lindo** of Sabang, Lipa City, will wed **Jaime A. Dimaala Jr.**, son of **Jaime** and **Carmelita Dimaala** of Antipolo del Norte, Lipa City, on Jan. 25 at the Sto. Niño Parish Church. Reception will be held at the Luntian Resort, Brgy. San Sebastian, Lipa City.



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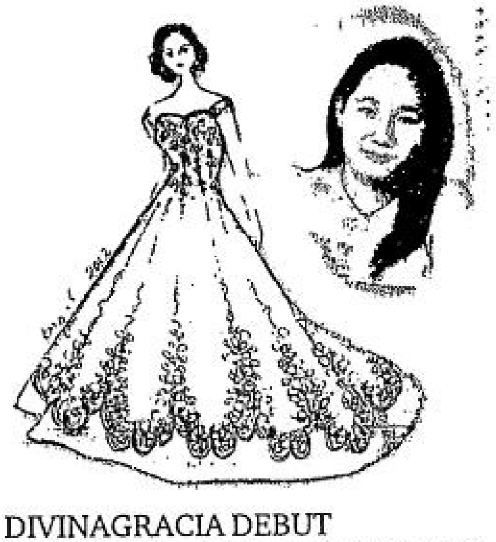
Foote, Cone & Belding (FCB) finance director **Honesto E. Isla Jr.** and **Aida A. Dimaranan** of Mendez, Cavite, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on Dec. 9. The couple are blessed with three children: **Arlene, Joycelyn** and **Kayleen.**



DIVINAGRACIA DEBUT

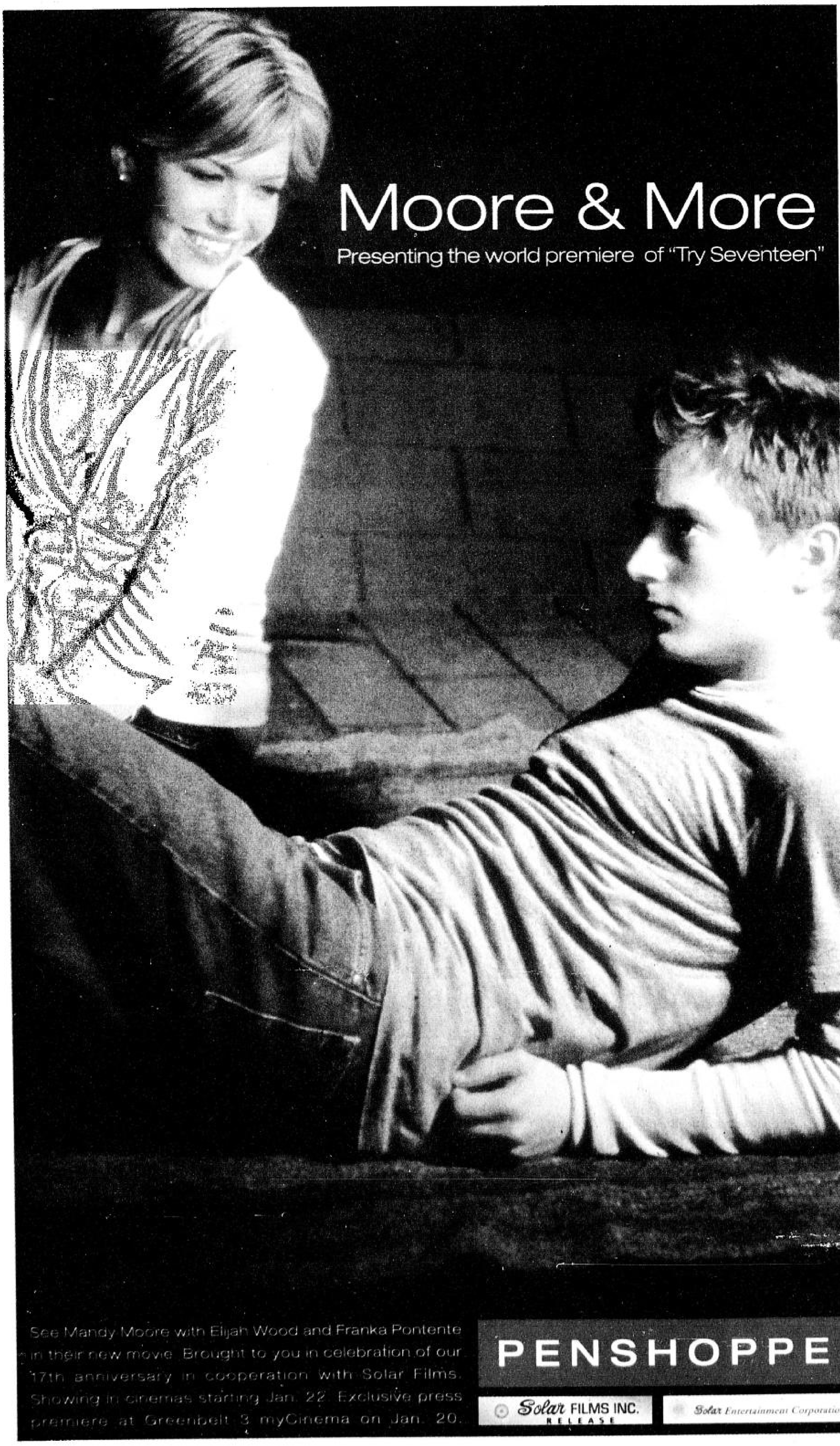
Maria Christine Divinagracia,daughter of **Lecan** and **Remedios Divinagracia**, celebrated her 18th birthday on Jan. 4 at the Philippine National Police Multi-Purpose Center, Camp Crame, Quezon City. Christine wore an elegant princess-cut gown made of red silk shantung with orange organza overlay and beadwork on the bodice and hemline, created by **Dan Yucon Galacgac.**

SUCO-ONG

Jonel Nadal Suco, son of **Felix** and **Leonor Suco** of Numancia, Aklan, will wed **Racefin Sedenio Ong**, daughter of **Serafin Daguro Ong** and **Concepcion Ong** of Kalibo, Aklan, on Feb. 8 at the St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Kalibo.

Reception will be held at the Aklan Training Center in Old Buswang, Kalibo.

The bride's white silk *peau de soie* semi-balloon gown will have muscle sleeves, off-shoulder Italian lace bodice and lace pearl beads designed by **Rovil Flores.**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- Above average communication skills
- Computer literate
- Willing to work on shifting schedules

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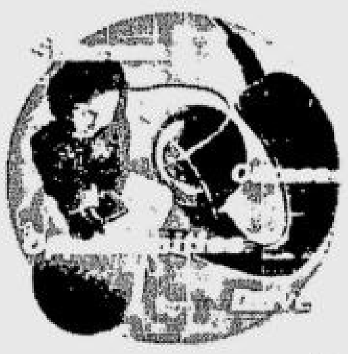

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OD Supervisor (Code: OD-Trn)

The OD Supervisor will be responsible for designing, developing, implementing and monitoring of training programs for staff and management levels. The specific area of discipline would cover a broad range of Organizational Development functions. The candidates must have sufficient exposure to interactive and integrative approaches to teaching/learning and excellent presentation skills. They must be highly organized, creative and assertive. The ideal candidate must be a university-degree holder in any of the following fields: Psychology, Human Resource Management, Industrial Engineering or Organizational Development. Post Graduate degree/s or units; a knowledge of TQM/ISO processes and an experience with a call center environment are advantages.Candidates between the ages of 25-30 years old, single and who are willing to work shifts are preferred.

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The Program Manager will be responsible in planning directing and implementing the business initiatives of the company. The candidates must have extensive experience in project and client management acquired in customer service or IT industry. They must have at least 3 years of managerial or supervisory experience in project/account management and possess strong analytical and interpersonal skills. They must be smart, aggressive and are excellent in verbal and written communication. An MBA degree from AIM/ADMU/ UP is an advantage. Persons between 25-35 years of age are preferred.

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The candidate will be responsible for designing and conducting courses in Communications, Accent and Grammar. He/She will also facilitate language-coaching sessions and conduct on-floor language audit to capture lapses in language skill. Ideal candidates are 25-35 year-old graduates of HR, Psychology or Communication Languages, preferably female and single, with at least 2 years experience in corporate training and in teaching TOEFL, TESOL, Grammar and/or English as a Second Language (ESL), and/or English as a Foreign Language (EFL). Exposure to the call center industry, an ability to speak any European language and experience in speech or language coaching are definite advantages.

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IT Manager – Application Development (Code: ITAD-IT)

Oversees applications programming and analysis including developing, installing and maintaining application programs. Supervises the work of programmers. Leads in determining future software requirements, manages disaster recovery functions for information systems. Supports other departments on their software and database requirements. The candidate must be a University graduate with at least 2 years experience in managerial capacity or 5 years supervisory experience acquired from an IT solutions/ consulting environment and with solid foundation in using Microsoft platforms such as WINDOWS NT, SQL, MICROSOFT 2000. Knowledge in Oracle and/or Solaris, an advantage.

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The candidate will be responsible for the installation, monitoring and troubleshooting of computer peripherals and workstations. He must have a strong foundation in providing technical support (hardware and software); proficient in LAN/WAN, client server, and Windows 2000 environment. Must be a university/college degree holder in BS Computer Science/Engineering, and must be a Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP).

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The World Bank Office in Manila is looking for a Financial Management Specialist (FMS) who is a professional accountant (AICPA, ICAA or CPA) with international experience, a relevant bachelor's degree in accounting, finance or economics. At least seven years of post-qualification experience in financial management (FM). Public sector experience would be an advantage. The FMS will be assigned to the World Bank Office in Manila, on a two-year fixed term appointment. The FMS will report to the Central Operations Services Unit (COSU) of the World Bank Office in Washington D.C. and to the Manager for Operations and Country Services in Manila Office. The FMS will perform as a member of the various Tasks Teams of the World Bank financed projects, and in addition lead special purpose initiatives such as Country Financial Accountability Assessments.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Assess, certify and advise on the adequacy of the Borrower's and the World Bank financial management systems, and manage and monitor World Bank financed projects. This follows on the FM Cycle in projects and includes financial planning, strategies and organization, budgeting, policies and procedures, internal controls, accounting, financial reporting and auditing;
2. Assist the Borrower and Task Team members of the World Bank's financial management requirements, including monitoring and reporting criteria;
3. Participate in the assessment, selection and engagement of auditors of the World Bank financed projects;
4. Provide financial management guidance for the development of technical assistance programs and evaluate and monitor their financial implementation;
5. Assess periodic project financial management reports for financial performance, linkage to physical and other monitorable indicators, and general compliance with financial covenants;
6. Provide advice and support to Borrower and task Teams of the World Bank financed projects on matters affecting financial management, disbursement and accountability including the work of consultants and other contractors;
7. Ensure that the Borrowers provide auditors with all the pertinent information (including TORs and the World Bank's requirements) necessary to carry out their engagement. Review audited financial statements received, monitor the Borrower's compliance, ensure adequate communication with the Borrower and the Project implementing agencies with respect to audits and advise as appropriate;
8. Be part of the FMS team in the World Bank Manila Office.

Selection Criteria:

1. Knowledge of International Accounting Standards and International Standards on Auditing;
2. Experience and in-depth familiarity with public sector financial management and practices in the Southeast Asia region;
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6. Understanding of information systems and the application of new information technologies;
7. Capacity to function as a member of multi-disciplinary team, search for common ground, and where appropriate recommend decisive action;
8. Ability to communicate effectively, in writing and orally, both English and Filipino.

Please send your application letter, with comprehensive resumé with details of your work experience, academic records, recent photo, references (at least three names with full contact details), and copy/ies of recently completed written paper/s to:

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Scope of Position:

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Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Provide expert technical assistance in the design and implementation of operations in the Human Development Sector as well as in policy development in the sector, with a particular focus on Education sub-sector;
2. Assist in coordinating World Bank activities in the Human Development sector in general and in the Education sub-sector in particular;
3. Liaise with, and provide information, to relevant national and local government units, NGOs, peoples organizations, academic institutions, private sector, international donor agencies, and other stakeholders on matters related to the Human Development sector in the country and World Bank assistance in the sector, with emphasis on the Education sub-sector;
4. Provide a leading or supporting role in specific lending and non-lending activities of the World Bank related to the Human Development sector, with emphasis on the Education sub-sector.

Selection Criteria:

1. Master's degree holder or higher in a relevant discipline, preferably in Economics, with a strong social sector background;
2. At least five years of proven track record in Economics (with social sector emphasis) or in Education; a mix of analytical and operational experience is desirable;
3. Demonstrated outstanding interpersonal and networking skills among various development stakeholders, with a strong understanding of the institutional, social, political and cultural issues in one or more of the Human Development sub-sectors, preferably in Education;
4. Excellent team player, with a strong client and results orientation, with a high degree of adaptability, and ability to work independently, with minimum supervision;
5. Proficient computer skills as well as excellent written and verbal language skills in English and Filipino.

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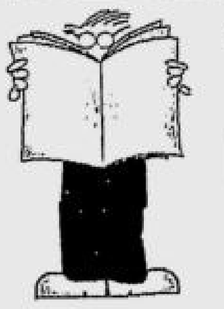

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    - *attentive to details*
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- A solid understanding of Internet and SQL

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QUALIFICATIONS:

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- University degree; 4 to 5 years research experience

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- Reliable and able to meet tight deadlines
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- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a team player
- Good organizational skills
- Committed to be trained
- University degree; two to three years experience in research or related industry

RESEARCHER

- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Attentive to details
- Committed to be trained in the relevant skills
- Reliable and able to work to deadlines
- Able to work under pressure and beyond normal working hours
- Team player
- University degree; at least one year experience in research or related industry

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Well-versed with computer applications, e.g. MS Word, Excel, etc.
- Reliable and able to meet deadlines
- Good written and verbal English
- Attentive to details
- Good interpersonal skills and a team player
- Able to work under pressure and beyond normal working hours
- University degree; may or may not have any research experience

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- Interested in ad hoc research work and client service
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Qualifications:
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- Knowledge of basic accounting standards and principles
- Computer literate
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Other Requirements:
- Well-organized and attentive to details
- Responsible and able to work independently
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POSITIONS	SALARY GRADE	OSEC-DOHB
Medical Specialist III	23	MSP3-152
Chaplain	16	CLAIN-1
Psychologist II	15	PSY2-13
Nutritionist Dietitian II	14	ND2-47
Pharmacist II	12	PH2-32
Human Resource Mgt. Officer I	11	HRM01-15
Social Welfare Officer I	11	SOCW01-16
Assistant Statistician	9	ASTAT-4
Human Resource Mgt. Assistant	8	HRMAS-27; HRMAS-30
Cash Clerk II	6	CHC2-7
Musician	5	MUSIC- 25
Nursing Attendant I	4	NATT1 - 298
		- 299
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		- 398
		- 567
		- 588
		- 651
		- 676
Laboratory Aide II	4	LABA2- 114
		- 115
Utility Worker I	1	UTW1 - 509
		- 553
		- 604
		- 620
Occupational Therapist I	10	DTI - 3
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Item No. ILSB-SVLEO-2-1998 and ILSB-SVLEO-3-1998
Salary Grade : 22
Basic Salary : P19,251.00 plus P1,000.00 monthly allowance
Minimum Qualifications/Requirements:
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- Three (3) years of research experience, an advantage if in field of labor and employment
- 16 hours of relevant training

(2) CLERK III
Item No. ILSB-CK3-4-1998 and ILSB-CK3-5-1998
Salary Grade : 06
Basic Salary : P7,606.00 per month plus P1,000.00 monthly allowance
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Getting the best talent is main challenge of call center HR director

By Rochelle Leonor

HR Focus

SHE doesn't look like the typical young professional. Clad in simple pants and blouse, this woman wears little makeup and sports no accessories. At first glance, you wouldn't think she can handle almost 800 people. But she does and with pride.

Meet Rozl Ricafrente, the human resources director of PeopleSupport. She has been holding this position since June 2000 when PeopleSupport opened its Philippine office in March of the same year. As human resources director, she handles recruitment and staffing, compensations and benefits, and employee relations.

Challenges

Ricafrente says three major challenges keep her on her toes. First, she wants to attract the best talents to work for the company. "We constantly recruit," she explains. "There are many call centers right now so we need to get the best people."

She says that the foremost competency she looks for in a potential PeopleSupport employee is excellent communication skills. Being an international organization, the employees have to deal with US-based clients. Thus, they have to be good in oral and written communication. "Although most of our customer support is done through the phone, we also do it through the Internet, e-mail and chat," she expounds.

Excellent customer-service skills are also required. Ricafrente says she looks for people who are outgoing, like to talk to people, and help them out. "We need people who can go the extra mile."

Keeping good talent

The second major challenge is keeping them. PeopleSupport offers competitive compensation and good benefits. The company also provides a good working environment to make the place conducive to efficiency and productivity.

The third challenge—and probably the most difficult—is motivating the employees. "We want them to work here but we don't want them just going through the motions," Ricafrente says. And to constantly motivate them, the company offers various campaigns, such as customer service excellence campaigns, quality campaigns, etc. "We embark on these campaigns to keep the interest alive."

International company

People Support is a full-service contact center. Lance Rosenzweig founded the company in 1998 when he envisioned the next generation of customer care. PeopleSupport delivers world-class, multichannel customer care, using many communication channels such as voice, e-mail, web collaboration and live text chat. The headquarters is located in Los Angeles and has offices in Missouri and Manila. "We mostly cater to clients from the travel and Internet industries," Ricafrente offers.

She says she is enjoying her job with PeopleSupport. Being part of the pioneer group, they have set up a very dynamic and open culture in the organization. Employees are encouraged to talk to their supervisors when they have concerns. They hold surveys to hear and address the issues of their employees. "We thrive in an open-door policy," she beams. True enough, rooms have no doors and cubicles are open. The employees call each other by first names. A quiet room is provided for employees working on the graveyard shift. There is free food on special occasions. "The people are basically nice. We want to make sure that our people have a comfortable workplace." She further says that since PeopleSupport is a global organization, she gets to familiarize herself with how things work in the US.

RICAFRENTE

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US jobs

Before she joined PeopleSupport, Ricafrente did headhunting and consulting work with an executive search firm. A graduate of Psychology from the University of the Philippines, she first worked in the students services department of a small business college in Berkeley. After her stint, she finally ventured into HR, handling recruitment for the University of California in San Francisco. She then transferred to The Good Guys, a consumer electronics retail chain based in Northern California as an HR supervisor. To further hone her skills in HR, Ricafrente took some graduate courses in Industrial Organizational Psychology. She says working in the US served as good training. This helped her handle the difficulties of handling an international company.

When not working, Ricafrente spends her time playing badminton and flag football. She says although she works hard, she knows that she has to take advantage of life. "I only live once so I may as well have fun."

Develop your...

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most rungs, managerial and leadership skills are needed.

In addition, attitude is as important as aptitude at all levels in the organization. You will not get to a higher-level position, much less be retained by your company, if you do not have a positive attitude towards work, your colleagues and the company. A striving for excellence, integrity and passion for work are also some core values that companies usually look for in people they nurture in the organization.

These competencies, aside from others more specific to the position, are the means needed to perform in the higher-level position. You have to acquire and demonstrate these competencies so your bosses know you have improved your "promotion quotient" or PQ.

Improving PQ

How do you do this? First, identify what are the competencies needed in the position that you are aspiring for. Then, assess whether or not you already have and are using these competencies. If you do not have the required competency, take steps to acquire these competencies through training, reading and practice. This means going "out of the box" of your job description and taking on new tasks and responsibilities in the organization where your abilities can shine. Whether or not you are paid for this additional work, it is a good chance to show your PQ.

Your chances for promotion depend on how well you increase your "promotion quotient." After taking an honest look at your existing PQ, take the necessary steps so that you have the right opportunity, the motivation and the means to achieve your career goals. With a higher PQ, you can become the most likely "suspect" for promotion.

(For advice on job hunting, email rreyes@inquirer.com.ph *or tune in every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. to 66.6 on your AM dial for "People at Work sa DZRH" hosted by the author, Reggie Reyes, former DOLE secretary Atty. Benny Laguesma and broadcasters Ruth Abao Espinosa and Andy Verde.)*

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Parting with friends at work is bittersweet

By Ronald C.

POSTCARDS *from the* CORPORATE EDGE

IT'S both amusing and sad how friends at work come and go like a popular song rues: "People touch and then they're gone."

With today's pace of change in the workplace, one of the things that suffers the most are the personal bonds we have established through the years, especially those we have invested so much in.

We wake up one day and learn that everything's over. Well, at least in terms of physical proximity. People come and go, but it's not always easy to let go. We cannot just forget in one fell swoop those people who've touched us in our day-to-day dealings with them.

Changes

I was working on a fledgling project then in the same company. If everything worked out, I knew we would all be equally reaping the fruits of your labor. But it didn't turn out that way. Instead, we parted ways and only memories remain.

On of these unforgettable memories was when my friends went out of their way to give me a taste of what it is to be given a children's birthday party by surprise, complete with balloons and party hats. They endeared themselves to me, for life.

But unexpected things do happen and they happen fast. Now that they are all gone, places and things would remind me of them from time to time. How have we lost touch? I don't know for certain but, one day, I realized that we just did.

Maybe it was because the project failed and we all scrambled to change jobs? Perhaps because someone we disagreed with professionally forced all of us to ship out one by one?

Memories

I remember them all: Del and her Mickey Mouse wristwatch, and Sam and Libby canvass shoes. She struck me as being familiar with Howard Jones' songs, like I was. Andy and his singing a Bee Gees song a bit off-key and then gyrating to the tune like a macho dancer. The dancing was repulsive but we all sang to it, anyway. Mandy and her Psalm 23 poster which she tearfully gave away to me as a token to remember her by if she resigns.

Rats, I also remember my Art Book which is still in her possession, a book which helped me discover a particular liking for Matisse, Miro and Chagall. There's also Becky and her smoked *bangus* from Dagupan. Ross who showed that karaoke-singing while guzzling beer leads to sure disaster. Ann and her pencil sketches. Hector and his weird music. Ervin and his weird self.

I recall the time we did the rounds of Malate and the time we did Greenbelt Park. But nothing beats the time we took to the grounds of the Cultural Center. There was the Dinersaur, a double-deck-bus-turned-fastfood-resto, and the Japanese garden.

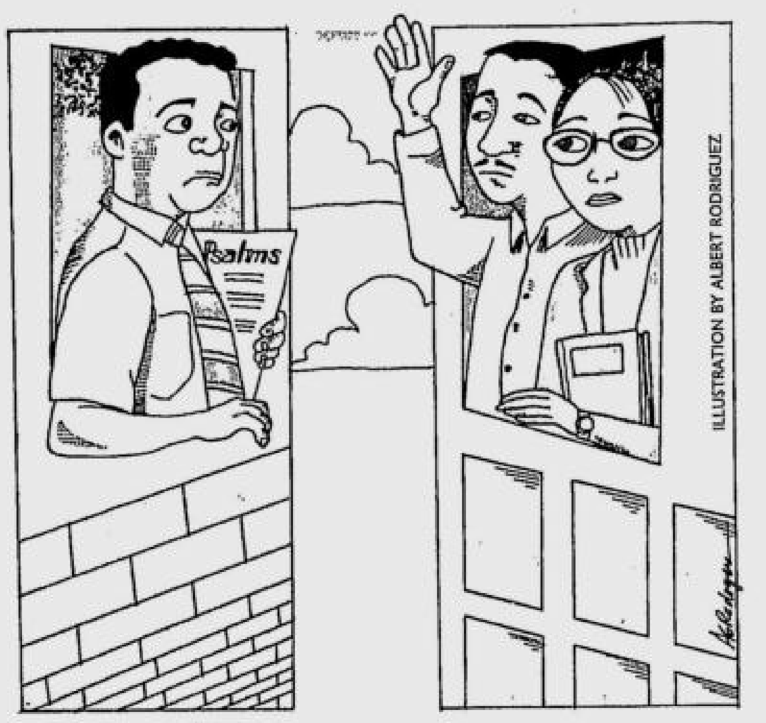
I remember the time when the Australians came en masse and built a giant bamboo arch to the tune of aboriginal sounds, and a stage group performing Mimi, a surreal Aborigine creation-history-on-stilts show. The time when I sat unknowingly beside an actor, Joel Torre, who was there, too, during the festivities. I remember the movie "The Full Monty" and the classic French films at the Shangri-La.

Sadness

Most of all, I am reminded of the fond moments by the breakwater deep into the night, the ships, the breeze, Harbor View restaurant, beggars, transvestites with fake breasts, lovers trysting.

One time, I came home from the breakwater and felt a kind of sadness I couldn't easily explain away. I remembered every detail of that night, which unknowingly would be our last together.

Then, I realized that I should have listened more intently to the whispers of the universe. It's been clearly a portent of the separation to come and I didn't pay much attention.



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I took my friendships at work lightly, even if I knew they comprised what passed for a semblance of urban neighborhood or community. I thought they were an irritating constant, sometimes even a burden. But now it's too late. People have to leave and have to find ways to live.

If I had a choice, I'd rather that separations be disguised, unannounced, gradual, non-abrupt. It's not that easy to put up with formal adieus because they can be heartbreaking, like funerals and airport sendoffs. Somebody rightly observed that it's far easier—and, in fact, sweeter—to bid goodbye in the middle of an animosity.

Different paths

Every now and then, there are the unexpected phone calls, text messages, e-mail, invites. But these would be hard to come by sooner than later, because, let's face it, we now have schedules that would never agree, and each has found a new set of friends and concerns.

So, where is everybody now? Del has allegedly stopped studying Law because she is back in the arms of her estranged husband and is now heavy with their second child. Andy is in Brunei working as supervisor in a cybercafe. Ross is working with a government agency as supply officer; can you imagine how he did it with a BS Bio course? Ann is connected with a US Embassy office. The others are doing well in their new jobs. I haven't heard from Becky again.

They say that one concrete proof of God's love and caring is in the friends we've got. Now, I am wondering whether I've been good to my friends as they've been good to me. Have I angered God that I've lost them all? Maybe I should learn to let go and move on? Maybe detachment from personal dealings can be sometimes good? Maybe it is best for business?

(Send contributions to Postcards to rreyes@inquirer.com.ph.)

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By Mercy C.

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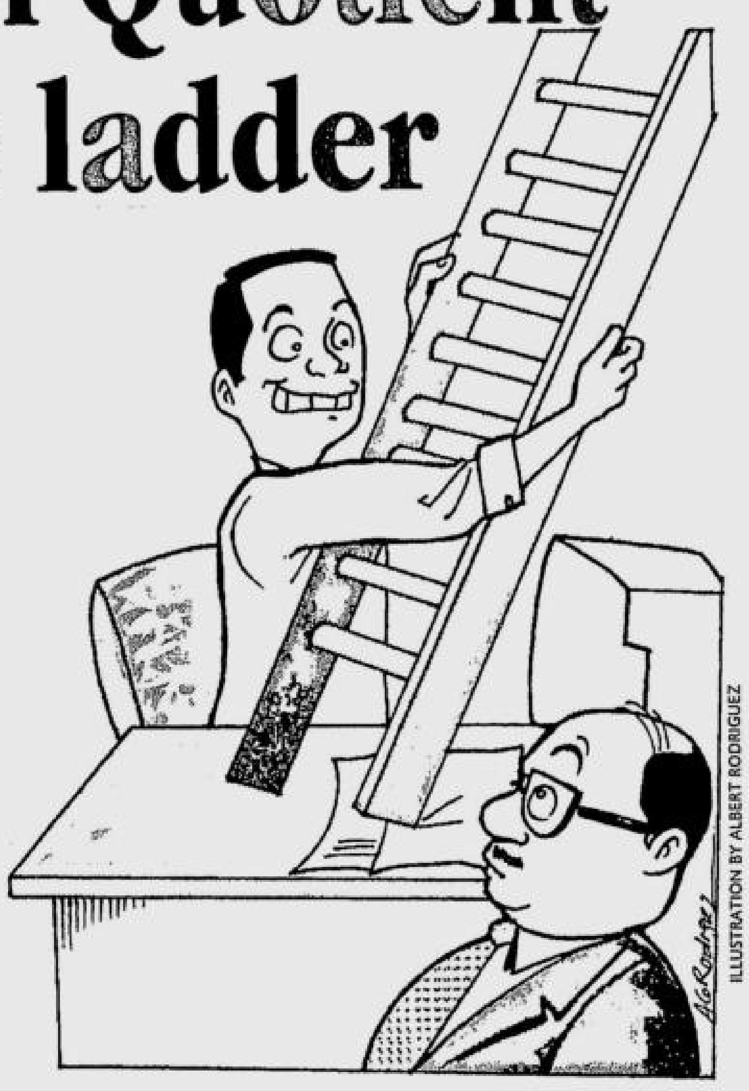
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By Regina Galang Reyes

YOUR column is really a great help not only for those looking for jobs but also for me. I am currently looking for a better job. I hope you will continue writing articles like this because it helps me a lot. Could you write an article about how to get noticed by your boss or how to get a promotion early in life? Your reply would be highly appreciated. Thanks.

Motivated to Succeed

Your desire to succeed at work and in life is evident in your letter. With such an attitude, I am sure you will reap the success you deserve.

In answer to your request, let me reprint here the article I wrote which appeared in the October 2002 issue of Metro Working Mom. The article covers everything you need to know about getting a promotion.

MARKETING BRAND 'YOU'

Getting a promotion is like committing a murder. You have to have the opportunity, the motive and the means to get it. Just ask anyone who loves to watch a good thriller. The prime suspect is usually pinned down with these three questions. Did he have the opportunity to commit the crime? Did he have the motive to do it? And did he have the means to do it?

The chances of promotion are determined by these same factors. Do you have the opportunity for promotion (or are there positions that need to be filled or created)? Do you have the motivation to get promoted (do you have the will to succeed in your career)? And do you have the means to get promoted (do you have the competencies required for the position you are eyeing)?

I discovered that formula in my 20 years of practicing human resources management, where I served on the promotions board of various companies. Assess your chances for promotion, your environment and yourself based on these three factors, and determine your potential for promotion or what I call "promotion quotient (PQ)."

Opportunity

Find out if your company has room for you to grow. The smaller the company, the smaller your chances for promotion—especially if your immediate bosses are the ones who put up the business in the first place.

On the other hand, if your company has a well-structûred hierarchy, each resignation is a chance for you to climb one step up the ladder. This is also true if your company is expanding its business by opening new offices or entering new markets which necessitates the creation of new positions.

If you are working for a company that will not provide you opportunities for growth, scout around for one that will. Staying in and resenting a company that does not allow you to grow is a disservice to both you and the company.

If vou do get a job offer, assess whether or not the new company can promise a higher position and better benefits. If you'll be stuck with the same level or compensation package, you're only making a lateral transfer.

This might not be worth giving up your old job. The only exception is if the new company can provide you with the experience you need for a higher-level position.

Motivation

Determine whether you *really* want to succeed in your career. If you are serious in your career goals, then you will do whatever it takes, within ethical limits, to succeed.

Some people wish to bé promoted. But they are not willing to put in the effort to train themselves; show that they can perform; be there for the company, the team and their bosses when they are most needed; or prove that they can be team players and work well with others. Some are not willing to read a book to sharpen their thinking. Some are not willing to leave their houses a little earlier to make sure they are on time at the office all the time. Some might even be subconsciously afraid of the added responsibility that a promotion will bring.

In these cases, your wish for a promotion will not be granted. On the other hand, if you really *desire* a promotion, then, barring dirty tricks, you will do everything to deserve the promotion. Then, promotion becomes a "gift" which your employer will willingly give you and not a "right" that must be demanded.

Means

Some people think that if they just do well in their jobs, sooner or later, they deserve to get promoted. This is a mistaken belief. Doing well in your existing job is a prerequisite to promotion; it is not a guarantee for promotion.

If you do well in your job, it just means one thing—you have the competencies (the knowledge, skills, attitudes, values and habits) needed to do the job well. But a higher-level position requires a different set of competencies, some of which may similar to your present position and many of which are not. For you to be promoted, you have to show that you have the competencies needed for the higher position.

When you enter a company, you usually start at the bottom rung of the organizational ladder. From there, you climb higher based on your technical skills or skills required by your specific area of expertise. However, technical skills will only get you up a certain level in the organizational ladder. On the upper

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Sto. Niño as co-worker

By Teresa R. Tunay

NOWHERE else in the world is the Sto. Niño regarded as a co-worker more than here. The ubiquitous Sto. Niño image may be found in workplaces in most parts of the Philippines. Or haven't you noticed?

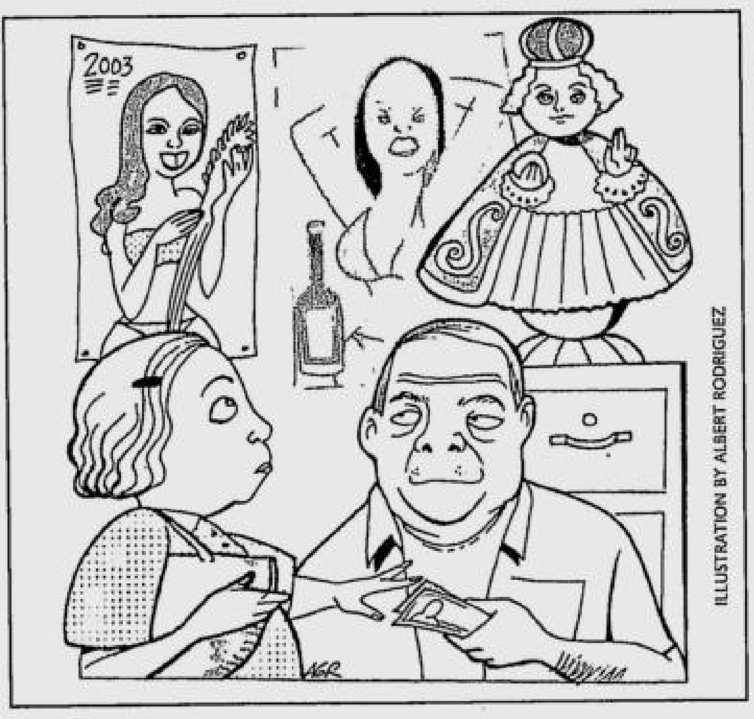
The most common likeness is that of the Sto. Niño in red velvet, and I've seen that in a barber shop, close to a '*bomba*' star calendar; lording it over the cash register in a gay bar; on a jeepney over a "Hudas not pay" sign; beside a laughing Buddha at a Chinese restaurant; and displayed in a tailoring shop window with a rhum poster. It is in beauty parlors and barber shops, bingo and massage parlors, lotto outlets and 'video-karera' shops, and in market stalls, too—the butcher's, *daing* dealer's, chicken and fruit vendor's. Devotees like to display Sto. Nino images in their offices, too, offering cookies, candies and coins to this darling child.

At religious festivals, we dress up the Sto. Niño to represent our trade or league: as Metro Aide, basketball player, soldier, fireman, *maglelechon*, farmer, doctor, fisherman, etc. We also like to dress him up in green and make him hold a money pouch: "*Swerte sa negosyo*," believers claim. We ask the Sto. Niño for favors and to bless our endeavors—indeed, he is the ultimate co-worker, a doll, a mascot, a genie, a miracle worker.

And when critics raise an eyebrow on our Sto. Niño madness, we just laugh, shrug it off and carry on blissfully: "*Mahal ako ng Diyos eh, pakialam mo?*"

Childlike or childish? By our fruits, they shall know us.

(E-mail the author at avemaria@csi.com.ph.*)*



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Gospel for Jan. 19, 2003 - Mt. 18: 1-5,10

"Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven... and whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me...See that you do not despise one of these little ones..."

Heaven on earth

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

MOST of us spend a good deal of time in the workplace, which for many has become almost a second home. We certainly want to make the place of work a better place to live in—something like a heaven on earth! The heaven we have in mind, however, is one where we experience mostly enjoyment and pleasure. But since work is not always pleasurable, we wonder what kind of heaven should we then build in our workplace.

Jesus preached of a kingdom of heaven where we need to "become like children" in order to enter it. While we normally like children—they give us joy—it is not easy and pleasant to be like them. Yet, Jesus taught that the person who humbles himself like a little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Can we build this kingdom here on earth? How can we become little ones and turn our workplace into a "heavenly" community?

We are overjoyed when we see our boss personally taking time to see us with an affirming smile in our workstations, and to patiently coach the "smallest" member of the workforce on his tasks. We feel very good when our boss humbly listens to our suggestions in solving work-related problems. We eagerly report for work when we feel there is trust and confidence in every member of the company. We feel proud to belong to a corporation where everyone is treated with equal respect and care. We then consider our work and the workplace as our "home"—a foretaste of the kingdom of heaven.

(E-mail the author at mfvg@skyinet.net.*)*

Employees need spiritual growth at work

By Edna Franco, M.A. and Raquel Cementina, M.A.
Ateneo Center for Organization Research and Development (Ateneo CORD).

WORK is an inevitable aspect in the lives of most people. Some work because it is their responsibility to support themselves and others. Others do so to be able to enjoy a certain lifestyle.

For most individuals, work is a career—a means of developing and being recognized for one's capabilities. However, the multiple stresses associated with work leave many employees unmotivated, depressed and burned-out. A number of companies, in search of ways to provide a healthier work environment, are turning to activities that are spiritual in nature.

Spirituality is a term that usually connotes the freedom to have faith, to worship and be able to take part in spiritual observances or rituals. Or it may mean beliefs or values transcending the material world.

This is considered a private matter and exercised in the individual's personal life and time. Spirituality is typically nurtured in one's family and place of worship, venues where one can be authentic. If this human aspect is really personal and private, does spirituality belong in the workplace?

Answers

Three questions on spirituality in the workplace were posted in a survey last month. The questions were: 1) Do you think your company should contribute to your spiritual growth? 2) Does your company contribute to your spiritual growth? 3) What kind of spirituality oriented activities does your company provide?

PEOPLE AT WORK *Pulse*

Of the 26 respondents, 29 percent are male and 71 percent are female. 58 percent of those who took part, work in private organizations, 19 percent in the government, 8 percent belong to the academe, 4 percent in religious organizations while 11 percent did not mention their place of work.

The results of the survey show that 85 percent of the respondents believe that their company should contribute to their spiritual growth. These respondents expect their respective companies to sponsor spiritually-oriented activities.

In the survey, the commonly mentioned existing practices are 1) masses and/or worship services (65 percent), 2) prayers, worship during meetings and other events (35 percent), 3) faith renewal seminars and retreats (27 percent), 4) providing a place of worship (27 percent) and, 5) faith groups/ fellowship (15 percent). In some companies, these activities are eventually institutionalized and become part of the company's culture.

Whether or not companies are meeting the employees' need for spiritual growth in the workplace can not yet be ascertained. With the above mentioned activities, just half or 50 percent of the respondents agree that they have spiritually grown in their job while 42 percent say that their respective companies have not helped them grow spiritually. Eight percent of the people who responded to the survey are not sure if they have been helped to mature spiritually.

Spiritual growth

Unfortunately, these survey results have been obtained from a very small sample. At best, it gives a glimpse of how Filipino employees want their workplace to be a venue for expression of their spiritual orientation, or nurturing spiritual growth. After all, most employees spend more time at work than at home!

So, how can companies help address this expectation? Encouraging and sponsoring spiritual activities in the work place can be a company's expression of support for employee well-being. It addresses the Filipino trait of religiosity and strengthens the possibility of instilling positive values such as integrity and concern for others.

Spirituality also encourages the view of work as something more than just a means of survival and material gain. This thrust can help build a healthier work environment not just for the individual but also for the organization.

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Piolo Pascual's Sweet Song of Success

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BECAUSE he recently bagged the Metro Manila Film Festival award for Best Supporting Actor; because it's the day he launches his debut solo album on ABS-CBN's Sunday variety show "ASAP"; because it happens to be his 26th birthday; and because he's just so darn cute, everyone wants a piece of Piolo Pascual—now.

Amidst the frenzy of "ASAP"'s overcrowded makeup room, the actor (who is taller and much better-looking in person) is at the mercy the show's stylists, handlers, production crew and fans, not necessarily in that order. Some fuss over his face and hair, others announce his upcoming sequences. A couple of girls with Piolo posters in tow inch their way for an autograph, the posters probably filched from the briskly-selling latest issue of Star Studio magazine, featuring Piolo photos galore. Many, however, are content to just stare at him. Watching him being whisked left and right is enough to give anyone a stress-related ulcer, but once he's in front of the camera, Piolo is amazingly unruffled. The show opens with a testosterone-filled number by the Hunks; the pretty boy answer to Hagibis includes Piolo, Jericho Rosales, Carlos Agassi, and Bernard Palanca (Diether Ocampo was unavailable at the time). A ballad with the boy band Jeremiah goes off without a hitch, as do duets with Zsa Zsa Padilla, Vina Morales and Claudine Barretto. For obvious reasons, it's the final number, a serenade from members of his painfully shy family, where Piolo loses it. "Seeing all my siblings coming to-

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A coveted award proves that he definitely can act. But who knew Piolo Pascual could sing? An album of ballads reveals the actor's sensitive side

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Piolo

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wards me with their cheeks trembling was a big surprise," he later shares. "I just started to cry!"

For the moment, it's a little difficult telling how good a singer he is, what with the way his voice is being drowned out by the deafening screams of his fans. (Actually, he could sing the headlines of a newspaper and they'd still shriek.) But music industry heavies believe in his potential. Ogie Alcasid, his record producer and the songwriter responsible for eight of Piolo's 12-track album, had nothing but encouraging words for the actor. Even Martin Nievera insists that Piolo sings *"Kahit Isang Saglit"* better than he does; at the Power Plant premiere of the movie "Mila," the actor was invited to join the Concert King on stage for an impromptu performance. "Piolo has a voice," avers Star Records Assistant Marketing Manager Nixon Sy. "Every time we release a Piolo single, *malakas at matagal ang* airplay *niya."*

If anything, the album is sweet revenge for a guy who loved singing since he was a little kid. Weaned on the records of Jun Polistico, Basil Valdez, Gary Valenciano, Martin Nievera and Ariel Rivera, he knew all their songs by heart, as well as the entries on Song Hits 2001. Too bad singing didn't love him back then. Always on hand to audition for glee clubs, he joined one in the fifth grade but was the first to be weeded out because his voice couldn't blend with the rest. Embarrassed but certainly not discouraged, he tried out for a spot in his church choir. "But I wasn't circumcised at the time," he admits bemusedly, "so my voice was too high and too out of tune. I failed!"

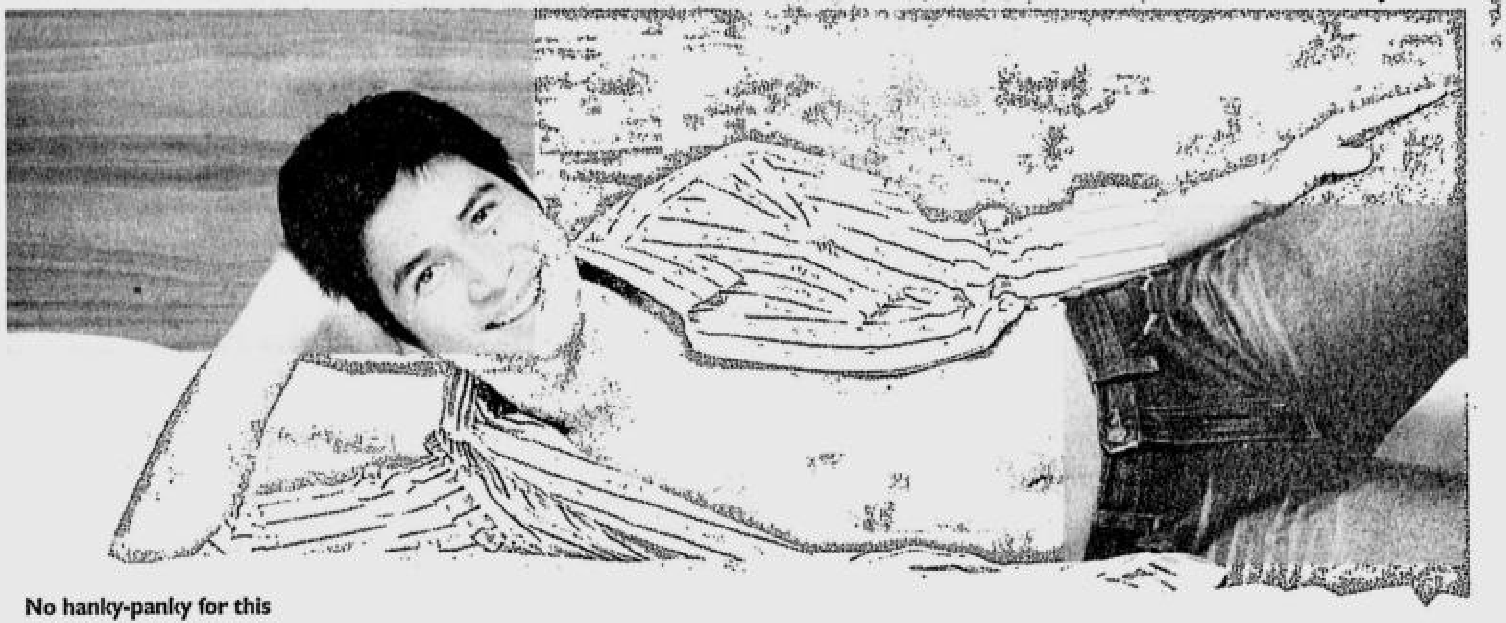
"If only you could sing like your dad," his mom once lamented to her youngest of six children, the one she named after a racehorse jockey. No matter: though Piolo didn't inherit the Sinatra-sounding voice of his late father, a German-American casting director, he does possess a style of his own, one that is finally worth the listen. Comfortable with ballads, he appears to be faring well in the soundtrack department: *"Kailangan Kita,"* "Got 2 Believe," *"Sana Ikaw," "Jologs" "Muntik Umabot Ang Langit,"* a live version of *"Kahit Isang Saglit,"* and a Beatles' remake of "Till There Was You," the theme of his Valentine's Day picture with frequent on-screen partner Judy Ann Santos, are all in his album. Scheduled to appear on Carol Banawa's Music Museum show on January 30, Piolo credits whatever success he's enjoying as a singer to his loyal fans. "For me, 'ASAP' is a big training ground, the show made me a singer," he says. "But when there are people supporting me, cheering and clapping for me, that gives me so much strength."

Acting, of course, remains the top priority for this guy who has definitely come a long way from his year-long stint (as Peter Pascual) on German Moreno's star-making factory "That's Entertainment" to his notable roles in the soap circuit *("Sa Sandaling Kailangan Mo Ako")* and big screen *("Lagarista")*. "My dream is to move people," says Piolo, who did just that with his sensitive portrayal of Jules Bartolome, left-leaning eldest son of Vilma Santos and Christopher de Leon in the film adaptation of Lualhati Bautista's "Dekada '70." Plagued at the onset with doubts that he would be able to act at par with the more seasoned Santos, de Leon and director Chito Roño, Piolo stunned everyone—including himself—with what turned out to be a powerful and giving performance. In a monologue recounting his brutal and bare-skinned torture, Piolo recalls, "I was not in character. Even my voice was different." As for the highly emotional funeral scene, the actor was advised by Roño to think of his own son. Piolo, who was playing on the set with Iñigo, his five-year-old boy from a previous relationship, just hours before the shoot, did as he was told, resulting in one of the most heart-wrenching moments caught on film. "After *Direk* yelled 'Cut!' I saw tears in his eyes," recalls Piolo with wide eyes. "I was like, 'Wow.'"

Interestingly, the award couldn't have come at a better time. A few years ago, Piolo gave up a promising show biz career to live with his family in the US where he earned his keep as a hospital clerk and one of the 1998 Oscar Awards' security personnel. "But I was thinking of something else," he admits. Originally a way to overcome his shyness, acting evolved to become "my destiny. I believe God puts you where He wants you to be because He has His reasons. And I don't question that." Against his mother's wishes ("She cried for a week after I left"), Piolo returned to Manila in July '98 and vowed to make his mark in five years. He received the Filmfest award, his first-ever acting accolade, in December 2002 and launched his album on the day he turned 26. "The Lord has blessed me with so much, everything else that comes my way is a bonus," enthuses Piolo, who also endorses Max's Fried Chicken, Splash and Sara Lee, owns a coffee shop and two casual clothing outlets in Quezon City, and is an honorary member of Teatro Tomasino. "I can simply fade away."

Not if his fans can help it. Now that his ABS-CBN *teleserye* with Judy Ann is about to end, there's the tandem's February 14 movie to look forward to, as well as more live singing engagements and challenging film assignments. "Never," he declares when asked if his Supporting Actor coup has made him more selective. "I let Johnny Manahan and my Talent Center family choose my roles. Even Star Cinema gives me my roles. In this movie with Juday, I have a lot of drama scenes, I don't even know how I'm going to handle them. But it's hard work and I love what I do. That's what keeps me going."

Meanwhile, the actor's unyielding faith is what keeps him sane and centered in a business notorious for its masks and make-believe. Thanks to his "9 Mornings" co-stars Coney Reyes and Donita Rose, the practicing Christian realized "that a personal relationship with Him is all that matters. At the end of the day, we all go back to Him because He's our only Source." A familiar face at the Victory Christian Fellowship branch in Robinsons Galleria, Piolo—the award-winning actor and singer on the rise in our eyes—prefers to see himself as "a soldier of God. A disciple. In the course of discovering who I am, I realize that my purpose is to serve."



No hanky-panky for this hunk: Piolo sees himself as a "soldier of God"

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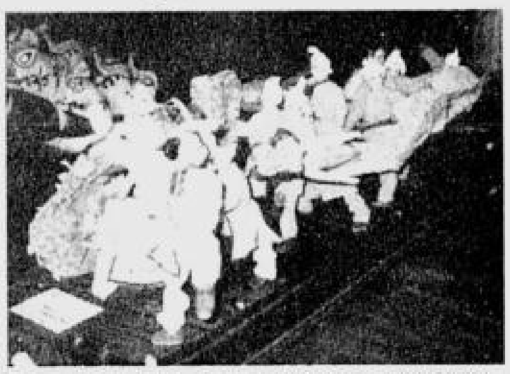

CHINESE NEW YEAR AT THE VARGAS MUSEUM
The UP Jorge B. Vargas Museum, in association with the Cultural Office of the People's Republic of China, is holding the exhibit "Chinese Celebrations of the New Year," featuring the material culture from the western provinces of Mainland China until Feb. 28. In photo is a model of a scene from a Sheimo play for the Spring Festival. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

VIVA NIA

Thank you for featuring Nia Peeples ("Color Her Pinay," **SIM**, 5 January 2003). I hope **SIM** can feature other Filipino-American celebrities in the future like Phoebe Cates and Lou Diamond Phillips.

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A LIFE WELL LIVED

Your short feature on Patricia Borromeo ("Sweet Memory," **SIM**, 12 January 2003) really made me sad. After reading the article, I realized that life is really too short and that we must live well and do good things that we can do, like what Patricia Borromeo did. She lived a simple life, teaching kids and giving hope to other cancer survivors. Her life will always be an inspiration to me as a teacher. I know that she will always be remembered by her students, friends, family and those people who were touched by her story as much as it touched me.

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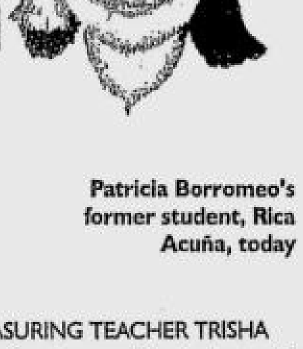

Patricia Borromeo's former student, Rica Acuña, today

TREASURING TEACHER TRISHA

I refer to your file photograph in 1997 of the late Patricia P. Borromeo with her little girl student in **SIM** last Sunday. The girl happens to be my daughter, Sabella Rica R. Acuña, who was five years old then and taking up Arts and Crafts Lessons with Teacher Trisha. Rica is 10 years old now, a grade four honor student at the De La Salle Zobel School-Alabang.

My late wife, Carrots R. Acuña (1965-1998), also used to tell me stories of how wonderful Teacher Trisha handled her "little ones," from the time the kids were brought to class to the time Rica and her classmates went home.

A lot of people may not completely see the loss of the teacher in Trisha, but we do, as parents who have seen her teaching ideals and dedication, not to mention the children who may no longer have the opportunity to have a Teacher Trisha. All my five children, and I as the surviving parent, attended last Sunday's goodbye to Patricia Borromeo.

I read in the PDI that Patricia wanted to mark her passing away with "tears of joy," and I could only assume that indeed, it must have been her innermost joy to be in the company of children. My daughter Rica is certainly lucky to have that unique experience with Teacher Trisha. We thank SIM for printing that photo which I have never seen before, but which Rica brought to school yesterday and showed with "joy" to her teachers and classmates at DLSZ. Then I saw again what "tears of joy" meant to Patricia P. Borromeo. You simply see them in children.

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Noteworthy

The Breast and the Brightest

They came not to grieve fallen friends in the fight against breast cancer, but to celebrate life by affirming what the book says: 'I Can Serve'

THE GUEST speaker was the Megastar herself, but the crowd that packed Hidalgo Room at the Ateneo School in Rockwell that Wednesday afternoon had other reasons to come than just ogle Sharon Cuneta.

They had gathered to celebrate life, a precious gift to most of the breast cancer survivors who welcomed the second edition of I Can Serve, an updated resource guide for breast cancer survivors and a breast care health guide for women.

Written by Kara Magsanoc Alikpala, a broadcast journalist and documentarian and herself a breast cancer survivor, the book is an extensive directory of cancer support groups in the country, hospice care, as well as companies and individuals willing to render a service for free or at a discount to the breast cancer community.

Before such a gathering of "brave, courageous women of faith," Sharon confessed to "feeling small and unworthy, being just a singer and actress." But she had come, she said, "as one who could have been left behind by a cancer survivor."

She was 11, Sharon recounted, when her mother, Elaine Cuneta, had a mastectomy. "I remember coming home straight from school and just taking off my shoes before rushing off to the chapel of Cardinal Santos Hospital to volunteer as a reader at Mass. I thought that if I did something for the good Lord, He would do something for me.

"Mom went to Houston for chemotherapy for two years. Once while she was in surgery, I heard the doctors and my relatives whispering and dropping words like 'malignant,' 'won't make it' and so on, and I went to her bed and kissed her pillows. Miraculously enough, she got well. But if I had lost my mother, I don't know how my life would have turned out."

Sharon's pain is something she shares with others whose lives have been touched by the big C, says Kara, whom the Megastar fondly remembers for being the scriptwriter of the documentary about her life in Boston with husband and now Senator Francis Pangilinan.

DENNIS SABANGAN

Celebrating life: Sharon Cuneta with Kara Alikpala and daughter, Ariana, at the book launch

But pain, adds Kara, "is also a gift...that takes us to our true selves." And there has been a lot of that pain lately, she acknowledges. "When we started our hotline, we referred most of our callers to services and gave them information on available resources. But it's tougher now. The cancer is returning and more survivors are dying. I have been attending too many wakes and funerals and I'm not even a politician!"

Just recently, she adds, they've lost fellow cancer wayfarers Noelle Hechanova and commercial model Patricia Borromeo, whose cheery countenance still graces the book's second edition as she models ways of making the most of wigs, shawls, scarves and hats to hide the ravages of chemotherapy. Trisha, the book mentions, made history as the first to be photographed wearing a hat for her driver's license.

Trisha and the rest of the survivors truly lived up to the book's title, notes Sharon. "'I Can Serve' should be the operative phrase in our lives," she adds. "It is not how much time we are given, but what we do with the time we are given."

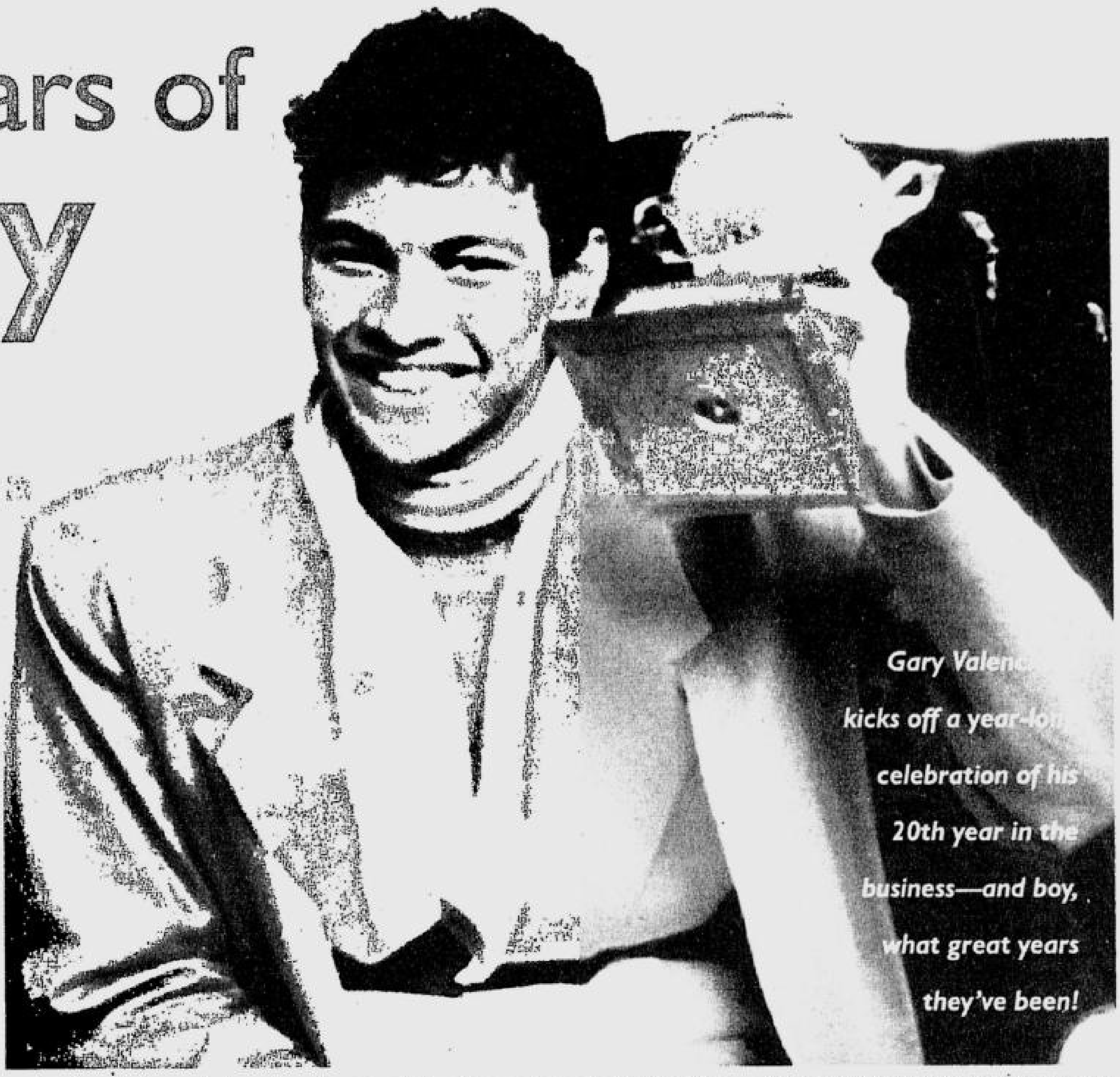
Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

The book available for free. Contact Bristol-Myers Squ Phi at 841-8181 c. 5203 and 3315 or Ria.Garcia@bms.com or I Can Serve at 687-39-42, icanserve@yahoo.com for a free copy. Also available in certain doctors' offices.

Celebrities

By Tinna S. Bonifacio

Twenty Years of Energy



Gary Valenciano kicks off a year-long celebration of his 20th year in the business—and boy, what great years they've been!

IT WAS 1984, about two weeks before Gary Valenciano—then only 19 years old—was to open his first major concert at the Araneta Coliseum. Gary, his entertainment directors Sandra Chavez, Chit Juan and Inday de Jesus, and his girlfriend Angeli Pangilinan were sitting around a table, discussing what to do now that Angeli was pregnant.

One option was that Angeli be sent to the US to have the baby. Another was that she leave for Australia, and that Gary follow her there after the show. Then, out of the blue, Diane suggested, "Why don't we ask Gary what he wants to do?"

Gary's response was this: If people came to the concert, he would take it as a sign that his fans didn't mind if he had a family or not, and that he was meant to stay and push on with his career. On the night of the concert, his other sister Gina came backstage, near tears, and said, "There are no tickets available! We're sold out!"

Gary went up to the General Admission section of the 17,000-seater Araneta Coliseum, from where he was to make his entrance, and almost cried himself. Practically every seat in the house was taken, and people were screaming "GARY! GARY!" "As soon as I set foot on that stage, I said, 'This is it, we're staying'."

Fast-forward to 2003. Gary Valenciano is celebrating his 20th year in showbiz, 20 years since he made that momentous decision to stay. And he hasn't had reason to regret it. "It's been amazing," Gary says. "I look at myself and my career, and realize that I'm very blessed to still be doing what I love doing. I can still dance a bit and write music—and every day in the past 20 years has been like a brand new day."

The miracle of it all is that despite having a family, struggling with diabetes and proclaiming himself to be a Christian artist in the secular world of pop, Gary's career continues to flourish. In 2001, he released his pop-inspirational album "Revive," which went to quadruple platinum (sales of at least 120,000 units) and the following year, he released an all-duets album, "One2One," which went gold. The year 2003 is only a few weeks old, and he is already on his way to duplicating his earlier recording successes with his latest project, an all-instrumental album of his compositions, titled "Beyond Words."

How has Gary been able to do it in an industry where going against the bandwagon is considered suicide? "It's not always been easy going against the flow," admits Gary. "My whole career has not always been a walk of obedience to God. But at least I know that I'm doing what He wants me to do."

It's also helped that Gary has 20/20 vision when it comes to his mission. People have compared him to his good friend Martin Nievera, who has racked up success after success with his "Forever" series of albums and concerts, but Gary, without a trace of bitterness, says he knows why he's in showbiz, and it's to accomplish God's purpose of winning souls through his music. Starting with his song "Take Me Out of the Dark" which was named Song of the Year at the 1988 Awit Awards, Gary's music has become more and more a reflection of his faith in Jesus Christ. In 1998, he did his first all-inspirational concert, "Pure Love," at the Araneta Coliseum. It was a risk, but the venue was packed, an indication that people have wholeheartedly embraced the singer and his faith.

"I'm happy for Martin, that he's had all that success. He is not a rival, nor is he just another friend. He's like a brother to me. But I've always maintained that my purpose for being here in showbiz, my main thrust, is to plant a seed. My faith is the reason that I'm here."

Gary remembers that during one particular show, Angeli came backstage to tell him that people in the audience were asking whether he was going to do "Take Me Out of the Dark." Gary's reaction was, "Oh no, it's another slow song. But I want to dance!" Gary was brought back to earth when Angeli told him that it was not his dancing that made the difference in the lives of the people who watched him. "It's your faith," she said. Gary did the song, and some people in the audience were actually crying. "Take Me Out of the Dark" still gets the same response every time he performs it.

People have this mistaken notion that Gary does only Christian music, which, of course, is not true—what is true is that he wants each project he does, whether it's an album or a concert, to have a message that will impact the lives of people in a positive way. That was the rationale be-

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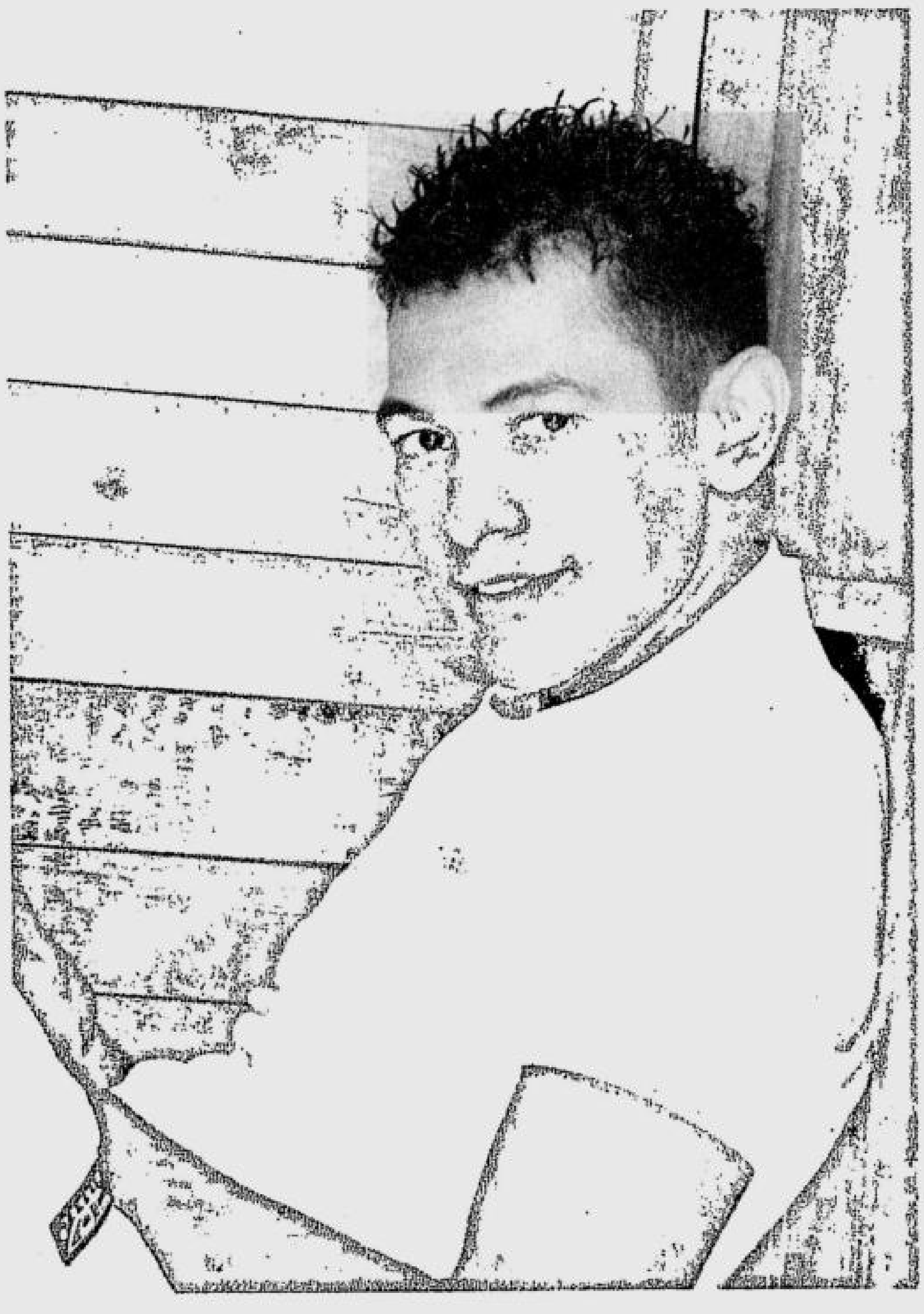

Clockwise from left: A dance number with contemporaries for the Cecil Awards; with 'arch-rival' and good friend Martin Nievera last year; Gary V. today; guesting on 'Penthouse Live' with Pops Fernandez in the '80s. Top photo: A victorious Gary, age 20, after the Tokyo Music Festival in 1985

Stylewatch

By Ymmanwel Rico Provinio

The Avel Bacudio Touch

ROMY HOMILLADA

BREAKING away from the pigeon-holed and predictable, Avel Bacudio has gained due recognition in the fashion industry. His participation in the Concours des Jeunes de Createurs de Mode (International Young Designers Fashion Contest) in Paris last December and his romping off with the Intel Choice Award (People's Choice) for a fully-beaded number with detachable sleeves only brings home that point.

Raised near a lake in Buhi, Albay, a place where the smallest fish thrives, Manuel Avelino Bacudio Jr. is the ninth of 10 children of a now-deceased homemaker and a retired policeman.

"It's a sleepy town," Bacudio muses when asked about his birthplace. "*Parang yung sa* movie '*Himala*' *ni* Ricky Lee (another known figure from the same province). I could relate to the townfolk in the movie," the designer reminisces.

Growing up, the admittedly gay Bacudio doesn't recall having any gay friends. From school, he went straight home to help his *ama* (mother) clean and fix the house, cook food or wash clothes. "I was well-behaved!"

When it comes to his family's accepting his sexual orientation, he volunteers, "Probably they sense something, but they never label me." During their recent family reunion, in fact, he was a hit among his young relatives. "Whatever I am, they love me."

Did he ever dream of becoming a fashion designer? "The only design exposure I had," he says, "was with a chalk and a blackboard back in high school. Remember '*Bituing Walang Ningning*'? I would sketch the dresses of Sharon (Cuneta) and Cherie (Gil). Eighties *ang dating*," he cackles.

His *apa* (father), who became a land surveyor, convinced him to pursue architecture. Due to financial difficulties, however, his three-year stint at the Technological Institute of the Philippines ended after he dropped out. "It was my elder sister who told me, '*Bakit hindi ka mag*-design?'"

He ended up as an assistant designer for Plaza Fair at 19. He learned under the tutelage of designer Eddie Castro, who became his mentor-friend. He also made another friend in designer Frederick Peralta, who was already a respected fashion figure then.

Two years ago, he embarked on his first business partnership that turned rocky. But the problem served as an important life lesson. "I lost all my friends!" When other friends tried to patch things up, though, "I didn't hesitate. I believe that the people who bring me down will also carry me up. Even when a leaf falls to the ground, God is trying to tell you something."

When asked about his love life, Bacudio admits to being pragmatic and not taking advantage of his models. "I have a lot of crushes," he laughs, "but no papa!"

The designer dreams of studying abroad in the future—surprisingly, not designing clothes, but furniture. A shift in focus may be a welcome direction for this creative person. For now, Bacudio is toying with the idea of a fashion gala with 120 pieces to be paraded by 120 models. "I'd like to show this collection in a huge garden. *Pwede rin sa* golf course or *sa* MRT station *na* under construction!"

This fashionista is preparing for a special show to showcase his artistic ingenuity. When asked about the ensemble in the making, he refuses to allow even a glimpse. "Wait *na lang kayo*," he says simply.

Bacudio cites his three most admired persons as inspirations. "Inno Sotto for his being creative," he says of the maverick designer. "He taught me a lot and gave me a lot of chances to join international competitions in Japan, Hong Kong and France. *Ka*-batch *ko si* Jojie Lloren," he points out. "I just wasn't able to participate in some contests due to finances."

The next person is his best friend, Bong Lazo, the designer-owner of Retazzo. "For his business acumen," he says. "He never puts you in a bad spot. He always tells me to be positive." Then there's his youngest sister, Jengjette, who handles the finances of his business, for her loyalty and understanding of his ways in this world.

Bacudio also expresses his admiration for the new batch of designers. What he hates, however, are people who "cannot appreciate art," being admittedly more of an artist than a businessman. He refuses to list down any "ugly people," preferring instead to cite the women he would love to dress. "Tina Maristela-Ocampo, anything from cotton to silk, she can wear it." Then there's actress-singer Vina Morales. "She is my muse," he declares.

As a photo shoot progresses in Bacudio's boutique, his friends paint a better picture of him. "He is willing to learn," says his friend Bong Lazo. Make-up artist and hairstylist Eugene Conde discloses, "*Kahit saan, kung gusto niyang magtaray, gagawin.* (Anywhere he is, if he wants to be a snob, he'll do it.). He's a real person, too real, *hindi* plastic. He should be careful not to show much of his feelings. You know *naman* some people, if you're too frank and honest, they say things about you."

Bacudio's life, work and career are neither media hype nor the stuff of fairy tales, such as that of an artist fresh from some foreign design school. Rather, the right frame of mind, inherent talent and loyal patrons are his resources, which have helped him sew up his path in the challenging world of fashion.

At 27, his life echoes in a line from his favorite movie: "*Walang himala. Hindi totoo ang himala!*" (There are no miracles.) For this daring designer who doesn't think twice about experimenting with bold and daring colors and accessories like pingpong balls and cut glass, it's all been about hard work—work that may finally be paying off.

His recent success in Paris notwithstanding, this fashion designer with an unconventional creative streak remains true to himself

JOHNNY VILLENA

Bacudio doesn't hesitate to experiment with unusual materials

THE SMART MMS HUGE ADVENTURE @ POWERPLANT

>> Illac Diaz

All great adventures begin with that single step. It starts over that line where you think you are and where you believe you should be. Psychologists call this the "comfort zone". That delineated space where friends are familiar, places recognized, and there are no surprises. Many are content to live within this box. But for those that decide to take that chance and go over that threshold, there is a whole brave new world ahead where you start to grow into all the possibilities that life can bring.

Welcoming 2003 with that New Year's resolution to change must have been on top of a lot of people's minds as they flocked in droves to SMART MMS booths at the Rockwell Powerplant . Each and every weekend from December 13, 2002 to January 12, 2003, the place was packed. So much so , that the two outlets at the third floor Milkwear bridgeway and at the Foodcourt area stole the spotlight from all other stores in the mall as excited holiday shoppers trooped in files of up to twenty people waiting their turn at the booth. Even passers-by that were initially just curious as to what the commotion was about soon joined in the excited chatter as word spread like wildfire of how SMART had created a great new way for subscribers to join the amazing world of MMS (Multimedia Messaging Service). Because for a whole month, SMART was giving away the most amazing deals for everybody to enjoy the power and freedom of next generation technology in keeping in touch through the convenience of text, polyphonic sound and colored images .

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The MMS booths was a smashing success with activations heading through the roof. In celebrating such an outstanding welcome to its first ever MMS promotion in a mall, SMART ended the month by raffling off fabulous prizes to lucky new subscribers who brought home sleek new 7650s and countless other great prizes . This was one event that left all that participated feeling like a winner.

But to those that missed out on the chance to hop on the SMART MMS revolution; don't knock your head on the wall. The year ahead will give more fantastic chances to get that free MMS capable phone you always dreamed about . This is SMARTS ultimate New Year's resolution, making sure that everyone gets onboard that next new wave, sharing that great adventure of life.

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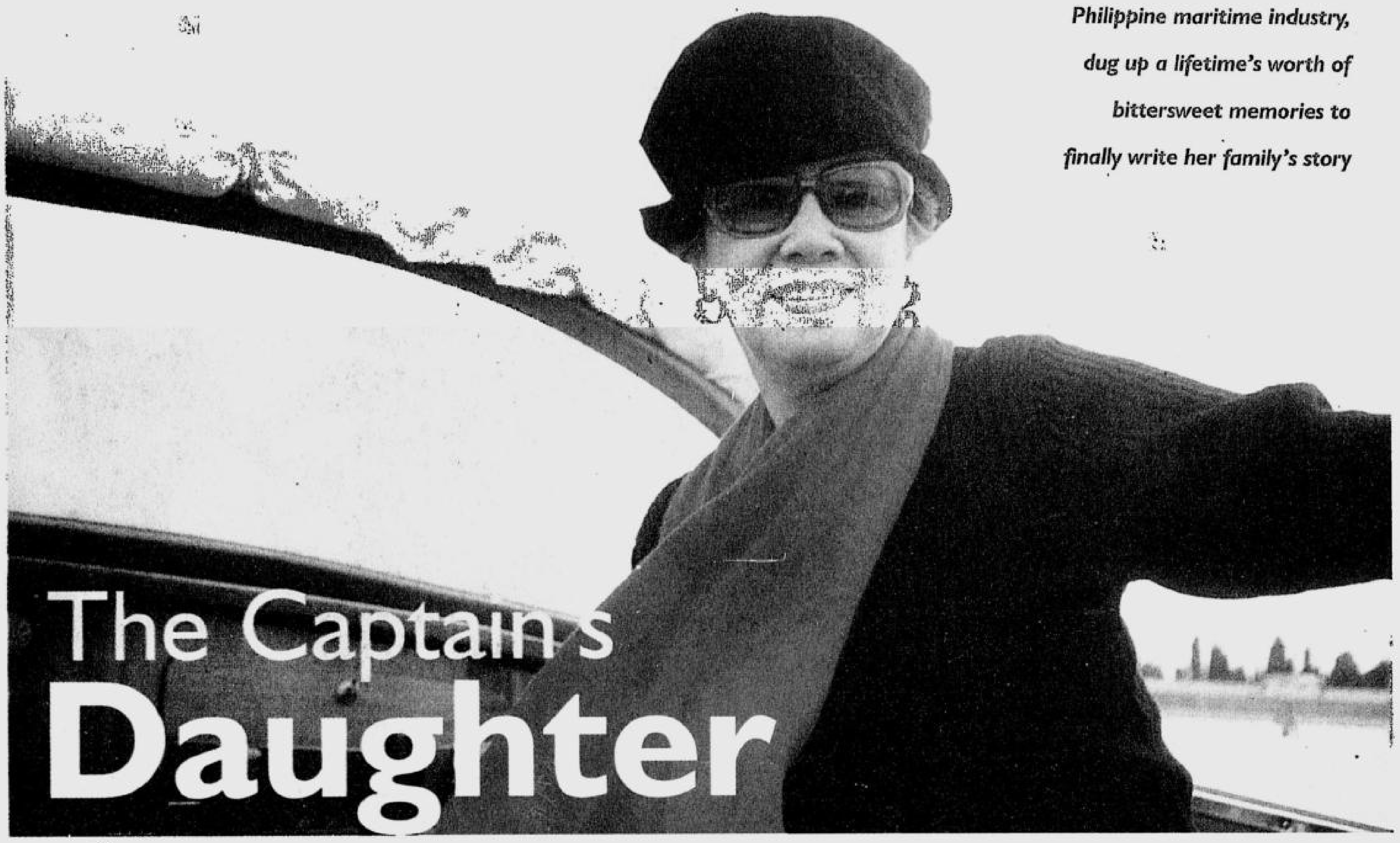
Survivors' Tales

By Emmie G. Velarde

How Mary Lou Lacson Arcelo, lady maverick of the Philippine maritime industry, dug up a lifetime's worth of bittersweet memories to finally write her family's story



The Captain's Daughter

CARRYING snapshots taken 53 years ago, Mary Lou Lacson Arcelo set out on a sentimental journey. All right, not entirely sentimental.

First she flew to Genoa, Italy for the International Marine Simulator Forum Annual General Meeting. Mary Lou is President Emeritus of the John B. Lacson Colleges Foundation in Iloilo, the "Ateneo of Philippine maritime education," and chair of the Association of Accredited Maritime Institutions.

Immediately after the Genoa meet, she boarded a flight that would take her to New York. It took all of her resolve to keep down the waves in the pit of her stomach.

Fall was certainly the most appropriate backdrop for Mary Lou's visit. She meant to meet up with three elder sisters and a brother, with whom she planned to spend time together, something they hadn't done in over half a century.

The story of their lives, were it to be told, would include turn-of-the-century turmoil, more turbulence from World War II, and family circumstances that precluded growing up under the same roof. Mary Lou was, in fact, in the process of writing the family history.

She had enough vivid memories and volumes of journal material to see the project through, but surely it would be further enriched by her siblings' points of view. Earlier she had traced their ancestry to the landed gentry of Negros and, further back, to three adventurous sons of a Chinese farmer from China.

Even so, she had no illusions. As her research progressed, the intricate tale that started to take form dictated its own title: "Less than Noble Intentions." She was 60; Mary Lou decided she had earned the right to tell it as it really was. She was counting on her sisters and brother to do the same.

The October 2001 trip to America was to take her across the country—from New York to Virginia and Chicago, down to Florida, then all the way to San Francisco.

Mary Lou recalls, "I was to purchase a single-month National Rail pass because I love traveling by train. But already, my schedule had been messed up because of September 11. The climate in New York was definitely tense. People were snapping at one another. It seemed there was a moratorium on simple niceties. I don't remember hearing the usual, 'How are you?' or 'Have a nice day!'"

She was one of the stressed, she admits, especially since the Amtrak personnel refused to talk to her until after she had done the phone rounds for clearance, full schedule information, and reference code. The train schedules were groaning full ("wherever they were going, no one wanted to fly"). This cost her two days.

Mary Lou burned the wires, and the plans changed with every phone call. Finally, they all agreed to just meet in Florida. "We were all reunited on October 16, 2001."

And for four days, when they were not replicating the 53-year-old snapshots for updated versions, the sisters talked non-stop. "Oh, so many stories!" Mary Lou says. "Words and remembrances rushed like floodwaters from a dam."

It was good, she notes, that she had prepared questionnaires for her sisters. Otherwise she would have found it difficult to organize the myriad anecdotes suddenly recalled.

"When the proper time came, on the second day, they gamely settled down to the work at hand," Mary Lou says. "We focused on stories about our parents, verifying facts against each other's memories."

In short, she says, they willingly summoned their ghosts. Tales of the war filled the room with laughter, but when they spoke of Capt. Juan B. Lacson, "the parent who wasn't there," and how they each struggled to get close to him, Lily, the "tough one," allowed herself to cry. Clarita, Ramona, and Mary Lou silently wished they could be as spontaneous.

"We found words for our harrowing experiences—*Manang* Clarita's kidnap before the war, *Manang* Lily's 'escape' from Manila back to Negros during the war in a sailboat full of Japanese soldiers ..." And at last, for all their resentments, they found tears.

Their father, the captain, founded Iloilo Maritime Academy in 1948. Now known as John B. Lacson Colleges Foundation, it is considered the country's best maritime school by the Commission on Higher Education, which recently granted it the "independent" status coveted by all private educational institutions. John B is also the biggest in its class, in terms of facilities in Iloilo, Guimaras Island and Bacolod.

It is hard to imagine that the school, recognized by the Norwegian Maritime Directorate and Panama Maritime Authority, started with informal review classes that the captain gave to a handful of aspiring seafarers.

Juanito, a widower, had just come home from America, where he thought he could start a better life with his children, being a decorated war hero who had served with the US Navy.

The American dream was not to be, and Juanito had to bring back the brood to the hometown in Silay, but not before a few more horrific episodes could shake the displaced, motherless children.

When the captain remarried and the new wife would not take in his kids, he assigned them different "homes." Mary Lou spent almost her whole childhood inside a convent.

During the Miami reunion, the sisters realized they had all done well, "in spite of." They considered the positively frightening might-have-beens: "We could have gone wild, turned to alcohol—we could have become prostitutes, good heavens!" In the end they decided that the captain had done his best, too, and that henceforth, he no longer deserved to be blamed for "anything."

In 1972, Capt. Lacson asked Mary Lou to take over the school's administration as president. Another brother, Juan Jr., was not interested, and the others were all in the US by then.

Soon after, the captain gave the new school head, who also happened to have a master's degree in English Literature, a thick manuscript which he said he wanted edited and published.

It was the log he kept during a landmark journey, when he delivered a small luxury yacht to Japan for transport by freight ship to its owners in the US. The report was fraught with accounts of breathtaking views and treacherous waters, mind-boggling mechanical breakdowns, and a terrifying brush with port authorities in Taiwan) But it is most significant for having been written while on a journey during which Maria, the wife he left behind, died right after giving birth to Mary Lou.

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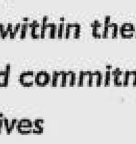
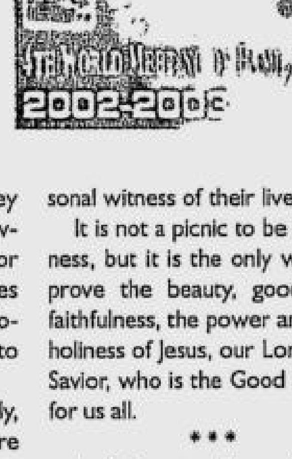
The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote



Announcer of the Good News

The youth today is searching not so much for icons of worldly fame, fortune and power as for heroes, prophets and living saints within their own families who can inspire confidence and commitment through the personal witness of their lives


Ang Mag-Anak na Filipino sa Siglo BENTE-UNO
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One Man's Reflection
The 4th World Meeting of Families
(January 22-26)

TO ANNOUNCE the Good News is not only to preach the Good News. To announce also means to witness, and to witness, in the words of Cardinal Suhard, is to create a mystery, to live in such a way that one's life would be inexplicable if God did not exist.

It is like doing exactly the opposite of what the worldly-wise expects, enough to make the witness a "sign of contradiction" (Lk. 2:34) in a world without God—without Light and without Life.

It is to the youth—sons and daughters in our families—that Christian families are being called to announce the Good News of Life. Why? Because our Filipino youth today are asking serious questions. They are acutely aware of the contradictions in adult society. They easily feel cheated and frustrated by the way their elders and leaders confuse their values by living lives contrary to what they preach. Many of the young people interviewed expressed helplessness over the failure of their elders to offer opportunities for them to build stable relationships that they can trust. Although the youth appear more open to change than their elders, they said they feel confused and insecure when confronted with the so-called progressive and consumerist values that swing from one extreme to the other.

Some complain about the shallow and self-serving relationship even in their own homes. Others have expressed their doubts about the values and ideals they hold today. They ask: "Will our life as we are living it today have a meaning for us tomorrow? Will the values we hold today still be valid tomorrow? Is it still possible to hope?"

If the institutions of family, work and culture, which are the three most stable sources of value formation for authentic relationships, are themselves being gradually destroyed by such counter-values like divorce, abortion, exploitative labor and commercialized media, what seems to remain as the single most reliable and credible "stability zone" for the youth is the Church. But is the "domestic Church," which is the Filipino Christian family, actually and concretely a reliable and credible source of stability and authentic relationship for the Filipino youth today?

The youth today is honestly searching not so much for icons of worldly fame, fortune and power as for heroes, prophets and living saints within their own families who can inspire confidence, enthusiasm and commitment through the personal witness of their lives.

It is not a picnic to be a witness, but it is the only way to prove the beauty, goodness, faithfulness, the power and the holiness of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, who is the Good News for us all.

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I continue to sell my yearend pocket books, "My Crazy Dream" and "Idol." It's my way of working to earn my keep and to support my ministry to the poor—besides writing this column for SIM. So, you see, I am not a lazy beggar merely waiting for your alms. I work hard to survive like the rest of you. But please don't buy my books for pity's sake. Read "Idol" and "My Crazy Dream," guys, and you can die! Joke *lang*.

Haven't I greeted you yet a daringly hopeful and positive new year? Happy New Year! So there.

P.S. For my books, call 921-3984 (Claretian Publications), 740-3102 (Pauline Bookstore), and 732-8268 (Center for Migrant Youth). That's what you call hard sell!

This Week

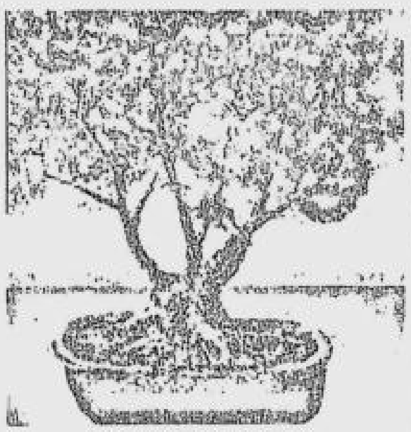
Art

Fiesta del Sto. Niño, an exhibit of the country's collection of Sto. Niños at the PNB Long Gallery Area on Roxas Boulevard until Jan. 26. For details, call Ben Farrales at 524-8439 or Noli Hans at 523-5102.

Landscape/Still Life, a collection of small-scale still life works and seascapes by Alfredo Roces, until Jan. 31 at Galleria Duemila, SM Megamall A. For details, call 634-3261.

Bolted, a solo exhibit of functional art pieces by Eng Chan at Finale Art Gallery, 4/L, SM Megamall A from Jan. 24 to Feb. 9.

Music



"Irene's Blossoms" by Alfredo Roces, on exhibit at Galleria Duemila

Piazza E-Zone, located at Casa Vicente, Alabang Town Center, brings in Metro's top bands to spice up its nightly entertainment. Catch the Next Level Band on Jan. 23 and 30, the Chronic Band composed of Iya, Cholo Escaño, Ali Alejandro and Nino Alejandro on Jan. 24 and 31, and the All Souls Band every Saturday. Show starts at 9 p.m. For inquiries, call 842-9159.

Paco Park presents soprano Marian Cabahug in a concert on Jan. 24 and pop singer Joyce Natividad on Jan. 31, 6 p.m. at Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila. Free admission.

Food and Art Galerie of Foodparks by Raintree offers free, relaxing acoustic night every Friday, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at GT Tower International, 12/F Ayala Avenue cor. Dela Costa, Makati City. Band schedule: Escapades on Jan. 24 and Folkus on Jan. 31. For inquiries, call 752-5681.

Cinema

CinemaLibre Film Society presents free screenings of the following movies: "Hannibal" (Jan. 20, 4 and 7 p.m.); "Red Dragon" (Jan. 21, 4 and 7 p.m.); "An American Rhapsody" (Jan. 23, 4 and 7 p.m.); "Road to Perdition" (Jan. 24, 4 and 7 p.m.); "Master Game" (Jan. 29, 4 p.m.); "The Housewife's Flower" (Jan. 29, 7 p.m.); "Vacancy," "Vagabonding Images," "Divine Obsession" (Jan. 30, 4 p.m.); "The Last Documentary Film" (Jan. 30, 7 p.m.); "Buenos Aires, My History/Images of the Absence" (Jan. 31, 4 p.m.), and "Hans Warns. My 20th Century" (Jan. 31, 7 p.m.). For details, call 925-0286.

Onstage

East Meets West, a musical in two acts about a cross-cultural love story featuring Alex Brouwers, Claudia de Graaf, Joanna Ampil and Jed Maddela, Jan. 24, 8 p.m. and Jan. 25 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo. For tickets, call 832-0348 or 832-3686.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation presents its last weekend run of Guy de Maupassant's **The Necklace** and Marcelino Agana's **New Yorker in Tondo** at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo on Jan. 19, 9 a.m., 12 noon and 3 p.m. and on Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. The twinbill will also travel to St. Louis University in San Fernando, La Union for performances on Jan. 31 at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. For details, call 528-0603 or 899-5745.

Food

The Westin Philippine Plaza welcomes the Year of the Ram with an **oriental celebration at the China Sea** restaurant from Jan. 20 to Feb. 1 with its featured dish—Fortune Fish (Steamed Hong Kong Fish in Mushroom Sauce). Also savor the appetizing Chinese New Year Set Menus featuring dishes like Dried Mussels with Black Moss in Oyster Sauce and Braised Seafood Soup with Seaweed. For inquiries, call 551-5555 ext. 1528.

Manila Diamond Hotel's Sky Lounge gives guests a free cheese platter to go with every bottle of Red or White House wine orders. Also sample its cocktail of the month, Poochie's Punch—a blend of peachschnapps, dalandan and fresh mango juices. For details, call 526-2211 ext. 1521.

Atbp

The fiesta spirit goes to mall town with the **Grand Fiesta Sale at the Ayala Center Makati** until Jan. 31. Today, Ayala Center celebrates the Caracol Festical—Makati City's very own fiesta. There will be a parade around the Center and a cultural dance competition among the different schools of Makati.

The Philippine Foundation for Science and Technology is holding the **17th Sci-Artists' Competition** which aims to stimulate the child's creativity and awareness of his surroundings as he expresses his understanding of science and technology through the visual arts. Competition is open to Filipino students in Grade 5 to 7, ages 10-13. Artworks should interpret the theme "Batang Agham sa Bagong Milenyo" focusing on Science as a Way of Life: Energy and Environment, and should be mounted on an 18" x 20" format. Use of indigenous materials is highly encouraged. Deadline for submission is Feb. 5. Application forms may be secured at the Dept. of Education and Dept. of Science and Technology regional/provincial centers and division offices. For details, call (02)536-3091 / 525-8418 or email sci-art@philonline.com.

Money, Money! Secret Principles of Money and Prosperity, an enlightening, entertaining and empowering multimedia show-seminar, will be conducted by life-enhance coach Dero Pedero on Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. on the roof deck of the Buendia Tower, 501 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue between Taft and Bautista. Learn eye-opening money secrets and universal prosperity principles that can help unlock the door to financial wealth and abundance. For details, e-mail DeroSeminar@yahoo.com or text/call 0920-4053233.

Ayala Museum's ***Escuela sa Museo*** line-up of workshops for kids: Play Art for Toddlers (Feb. 1-22); Digital Arts (March 1-April 5); Anime (March 1-22); Print Making (Feb. 15-March 8). For Adults: Beginners' Pastel (Jan. 25-March 15); Introduction to Decorative Arts (Jan. 25-Feb. 15); Beginner's Oil Painting (Feb. 5-March 26); Chinese Painting (Feb. 7-March 28); Jewelry Making (March 5-26); Charcoal (Feb. 6-March 13). For details, call 810-8407 or email inquiry@ayalamuseum.com.

On Jan. 27-31, Sinag Arts Foundation will conduct a **Safety and First Aid Workshop** for theater crew doing rigging, electrical and installation work. Course fee is P2,000 inclusive of lunch. The **Japanese Language Tutorial** will start on Jan. 20, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Workshop fee is P250 per session. All workshops will be conducted at the Sinag Arts Studio, 664 San Ignacio St., Mandaluyong City. For details, call 531-3491.

Clubber's Guide at 268 Real St., Pamplona Dos, Las Piñas City will hold a G-String party on Jan. 25 and a work it (hip-hop) party on Jan. 31 featuring DJ Gillette Yaneza and DJ Soul Shaker. For details, call 873-6024.

X-manila

Join **Wow! The Big Ballroom Beats Dinner-Dance Party** at Purple Ostrich at Island Cove Resort in Kawit, Cavite on Jan. 21, 7 p.m. featuring the Arizona Ballroom Company. See how the Arizona dancers perform professional ballroom dances. Also join the tango, swing and boogie dance competition. Tickets available at P800 with dinner, and P500 for party only. For tickets and dance competition registration, call (046)434-0210 in Cavite or (02)810-3740 in Makati.

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas will hold its **15th annual Lasallian Day Celebration** on Jan. 21-23 with the theme "Pamilyang Lasalyano: Kaagapay ng Pamilyang Pilipino Tungo sa Makabuluhang Pagbabago." The affair, which will commence with a Eucharistic celebration, will be highlighted by field/mass demonstration by the students, trade fair, open house of university dormitories, job expo, faculty showcase of talents, and special Lasallian family day.

The cast of "East Meets West," a two-act musical at the CCP Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo

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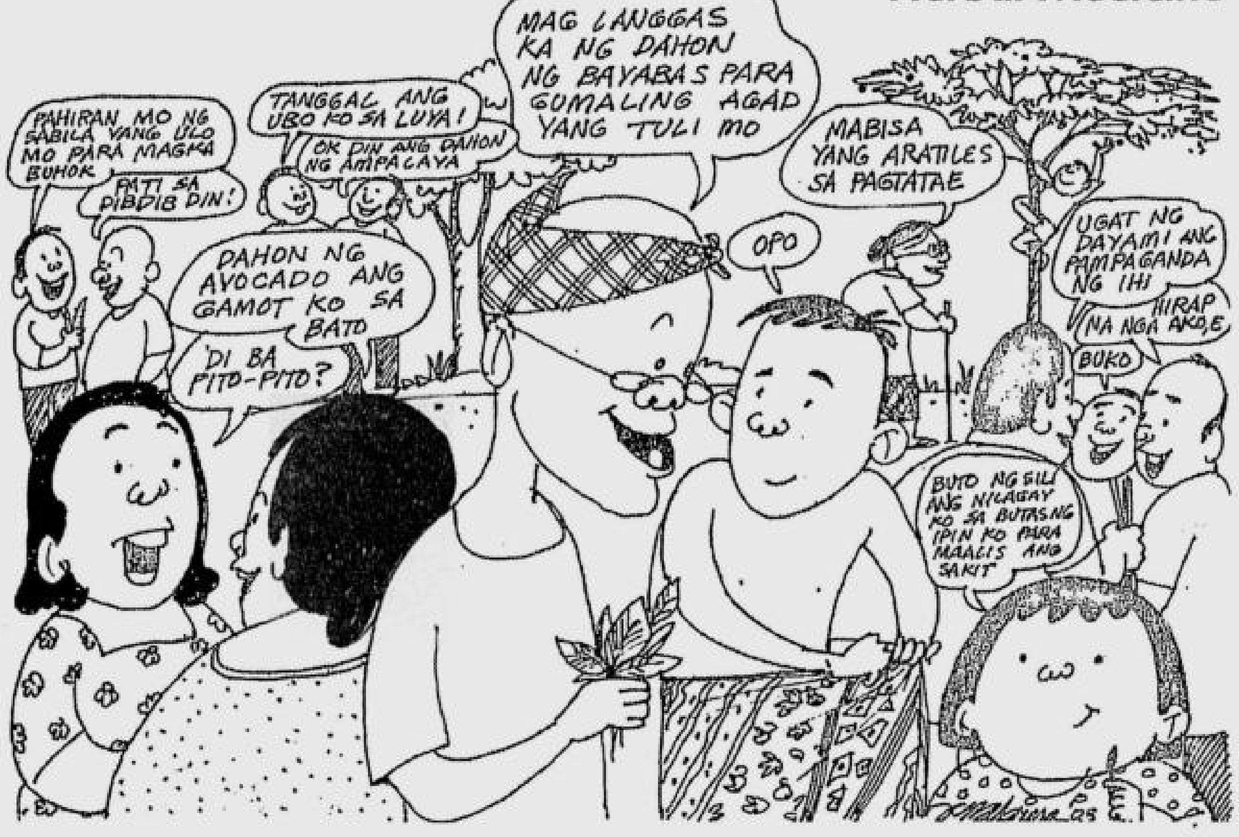
Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

Herbal Medicine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Twenty

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hind his 1990 concert, "Major Impact," at the ULTRA. It was held several months after the June 1990 earthquake. Gary interspersed songs with video footage of the earthquake, and the songs were chosen to tell people that despite the crumbling buildings and the world falling apart, that there was still hope.

Gary is set to kick off his year of celebration on January 31 with "Gary V. on Campus 2003," a concert at the St. Benilde's Gym of his alma mater, La Salle Greenhills, for the benefit of the school's adult night high school. He is also planning a two-night major concert. He still doesn't know where or when it will be; all he knows is that he has a very important message to share with people, and this is the way he treats every show, major or minor. "Every major concert is a challenge," he says. "As a producer and as an artist, one has to read the times to understand what's going on in society today. It's good to do this so that the concert won't just be a night of good music but of right messages as well."

The two-night major concert is just one of 20 things that Gary is planning to do to celebrate his anniversary year. He and Angeli have decided to call this 2003 anniversary celebration "20/20," and have come up with a list of 20 projects that Gary intends to accomplish within his 20th year.

The other projects include an album of the movie themes he's recorded, like a new version of *"Sana Maulit Muli;" "Kailangan Kita"* and *"Ako't Ikaw,"* the theme song of the Metro Manila Film Festival Best Picture *"Mano Po"*; a Music Museum series; an all-original pop album (because he's been itching to write new songs, he says), a Gary V. Fans' Day, the re-launch of his website www.garyv.com, a campus and US tour and, believe it or not, a Gary V. book that will tell the story of his life.

Says Gary of the book: "This was my Dad (Vic Valenciano)'s idea and he's the one putting it all together. Almost all the pictures will be his. There are also some photographs by Angeli. There are seven of us Valencianos, and my dad was able to get everyone to say something about me—yikes!" he laughs. "Everything will be in it—my wedding, my concerts, my children. I never thought about coming up with a book about myself because I think that should always come from someone else. Still, I'm excited to see how everything is going to turn out."

On his 20th anniversary, Gary wants to thank all the people who have made him and helped him along the way. One of them is Ray-An Fuentes. "His courage to step into 'uncharted waters' and to give up his career for the service of the Lord on the basis of trust has strengthened my faith and encouraged me to never fear when faced with uncertainty."

And of course, there are his fans. "I want to say thank you to them. And I hope that whatever they've learned from me—that is, if they've learned anything from my life—I hope that they will also share it with others."

In concert with Zsa Zsa Padilla in 1992

With Regine Velasquez and 'Banig' Roberto in 1989

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HIGH SCHOOL (YEAR 1 TO 4)

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The Captain's

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mental problems with the school at the time," Mary Lou says. "Also, I didn't know exactly what to do with the manuscript. So my father's wish was set aside."

She remembered the log only four years later, when a nephew, Ramon Lopez, a contributing writer to the Pentagon Magazine, visited Iloilo. She passed on the job to him. But Ramon couldn't find time to work on the manuscript, either.

"Only once did Papa remind me about it," Mary Lou relates. "I frantically called Ramon overseas to follow up, and he told me he had misplaced the only copy! I never told Papa this, and fortunately, he did not ask me again."

But when the captain died in 1992, Mary Lou felt "horribly" guilty. "I called Ramon again and told him to find the manuscript, I didn't care how. He was moved, but still he couldn't locate it."

So the momentous trip to America was also to retrieve the precious memoir. Deep in her heart, Mary Lou says, she knew it was "there, somewhere."

"Ramon is a pack rat like me. Being an antique collector, he buys other people's junk. I just could not believe he would throw away his grandfather's stuff. And informed of my forthcoming arrival, he had realized how serious I was about this quest. He gave it his best effort one more time—and found it! After 25 years!"

Mary Lou finished writing "Less Than Noble Intentions" in May last year. It will be launched tomorrow, at the end of John B. Lacson Colleges' week-long 55th anniversary celebrations, and the start of Iloilo's week-long Dinagyang Festival, for which Mary Lou is this year's *hermana mayor.*

"Four reasons to make merry—this has been my longest and happiest Christmas!" she gushes, as she is wont to do these days. Clarita, Ramona, Lily, and their brother, Job, came home to celebrate with her.

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